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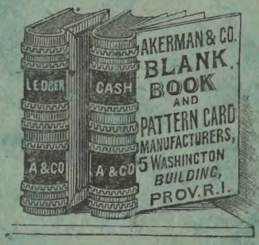

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Report of the Recording Secretary of Providence Monthly Meeting for the year 1901 & 1902

As in former years we held our usual number of nine meetings. At least two of these meetings were of unusual interest. In October we were invited to Friends' School to meet Katie Gabriel, head teacher of the Girls Training Home, Ramallah, who came to this country to learn something of our methods of teaching. A woman of Christian culture her pleasing personality won all hearts. It was a privilege to listen to the story of Katie Gabriels own education in the Girls' Training Home, and her

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exemplary of the manner of living in the native Zenanas, from which the girls come in to the Mission. Specimens of some the fancy work wrought by the girls were shown us.

In March we were again invited to Friends' School, this time to meet Emma [illegible] a missionary for some years in India and a part of the time associated with the work at Hoshangabad. She gave us a pathetic account of some of the trials of [illegible] young married women [illegible] and [illegible] the friendships that exist in the homes of women and girls there [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] in India,

3. begun to scatter the gloom of their lives. Anna Evans showed us native costumes of India, models of cooking utensils, idols and many curios.

We have raised during the year by membership fees and donations $135.42. Of this amount we sent $118.20 to the General Treasurer for Ramallah and used $17.22 for material for work and current expense.

As an introduction to the study of Missions we have begun the reading aloud for a half-hour of "Via Christi," at our meetings. The author of this book aims to show that Christian Missions continued both to do and to teach from the apostolic age to the beginning of the modern effort.

We have enjoyed the reading of letters from Wilfrid and Edith Rowntree, Elihu & Alice Grant and Katie Palmer from the East, and from Elizabeth Test and Lina Lunt from the West, all showing the earnest self-

4. bringing reports of the workers in field over sea and inspiring us to greater faithfulness at home to aid in carrying on the work of extending the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Boxes of goods and Christmas presents have been sent to Savannah and our Indian Mission and in return we have received appreciative thanks.

Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth Clifford -

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Ninth Month 1869

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 month 29th 1869.

The Representatives to this Meeting are — from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Joseph [illegible] and Thomas H. [illegible]; — from Providence Preparative Meeting [illegible] Franklin and Albert K. Smiley who are present

Our Preparative Meetings are requested to nominate and present the names to a future meeting of Friends to serve as overseers of Society, overseers of the Poor, Caretakers of Meeting houses, Funerals and Keeping them and Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder.

We appoint Thomas [illegible], [illegible] and James Dennis a committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts and to propose the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Treasurer, Clerk, Assistant clerk, auditors & Recorder; and they are desired to report next month.

James Dennis reported that he has given the necessary information to Joseph H. & Charlotte [illegible]

The Committee to prepare, if way should open for it, a removal certificate for Wm G. Meader, inform that they have given attention to their appointment but are not ready to report; they are continued & desired to report next month.

Tenth Month 1869.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo. 27th 1869.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield James Dennis & Gideon C. Smith, from Providence Samuel Austin & Thomas Chace who are present.

In the absence of the clerk, Samuel Austin is appointed to serve for the day

The Committee to examine & settle the treasurer's account & to nominate friends for sundry services presented the following report, which is satisfactory; & those therein named are accordingly appointed to the several services designated for the ensuing year or until another appointment — viz.—

To the Monthly Meeting

The committee to bring forward names for Clerks, Treasurer, Auditors & Recorder and to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts, Report that they have attended to their appointment and find balances in the hands of the Treasurer, on the general account One hundred & seventy nine dollars & 6 cents, Eighty eight dollars & 8 cts. in the Deborah H. Jenks fund & Eighty eight dollars & 66 cts. in the Charitable School fund and Three dollars & 61 cts due the Treasurer on the Burying ground fund. And they propose

Jonathan L. Slocum for clerk
Thomas E. Steere for assistant clerk
Wm H. Robinson " Treasurer
Gideon C. Smith } Auditors
Joseph H. Atwater }
Samuel Austin, Recorder

Providence 11 Mo. 14. 1869

Signed { Thos Harkness
Jas Dennis
Welcome Congdon

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from each of our Preparative meetings, We have adopted the following Summary which the clerk is requested to forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at [illegible], by our friends Welcome Congdon Joseph Cartland & James Dennis whom we appoint our representatives

The following certificate in favor of William F. Meader issued by the committee appointed for that purpose, is approved by this and the women's meeting & the clerk is directed to forward a copy thereof to New-York Monthly Meeting of Friends

To New York Monthly Meeting

Dear friends

William F. Mander having removed to reside within your limits requests our certificate; this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting & on inquiry, nothing appears but that his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction. We recommend him to your christian care and are your friends

Smithfield Preparative Meeting presented the following communication; which having claimed our attention is united with, the women's meeting concurring, viz – "In consideration of the small number who attend meetings at Smithfield in the middle of the week, the members of that meeting request that it may be discontinued for the term of six months – namely, from the 11th mo to the 4th inclusive, with the exception of the days on which the preparative meeting is held; which we submit to the Monthly Meeting

Jas Dennis, Clerk"

The Committee to arrange with the city of Providence, made report as follows, which is satisfactory to this meeting; and the same friends are appointed to superintend the proper completion of the work required to enclose our meeting-house lot, to adjust any neceſsary details of the subjoined agreement & report at a future meeting

To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee to arrange with the city of Providence relative to widening North Main St., report attention to their appointment and herewith present a written agreement made with the city's committee

Providence 10th mo. 26th 1869

Signed { Wm H. Robinson
Thomas Harkneſs
James Dennis

"This indenture of two parts made by and between the City of Providence of the first part and the Society of Friends of said city of the second part, by their respective committees, duly appointed and authorized for that purpose, Witneſseth.

That whereas the party of the first part has decided to widen and straighten North Main Street according to the report of commiſsioners of estimate & aſseſsment appointed by the Supreme Court which report is dated July 12th 1869, and is on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City, and whereas certain property heretofore belonging to the estate of the party of the second part, situated on the corner of North Main St. & Meeting streets has passed into the possession of the party of the first part by the aforesaid election, now, therefore in consideration of the agreement hereinafter entered into by the party of the second part, the party of the first part hereby relinquishes to the party of the Second part all claim to that part of the stonewall, fence and trees upon said estate which has become their property as aforesaid And said party of the first part also hereby agrees with the said party of the second part to relay the side-walk in front of said estate on North Main St. within a reasonable time with the same material of which it is now composed.

And the said party of the Second part in consideration of the foregoing agreements, do hereby agree to, and with the said party of the first part to accept the sum of two thousand dollars awarded to them by said Commissioners in full satisfaction for the damage to their estate at the corner of North Main & Meeting Streets, caused by the widening and straightening of North Main Street, as aforesaid

In consideration of all the provisions of the foregoing agreements the said City of Providence by its committee duly appointed, authorized and empowered for that purpose, hereby bind itself to faithfully carry out and fulfil all the provisions of its foregoing agreement

And the said Society of Friends by its committee appointed and duly authorized for that purpose, in consideration of all the provisions of the foregoing agreements, do hereby bind themselves their successors and assigns to make no further claim on said City of Providence, for the damage aforesaid

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this fourth day of October A.D. 1869"

The above is signed by

Amos W. Snow	Wm A. Robinson
Zechariah Chafee	Thomas Harkness
James H. Armington	James Dennis
Francis M. Smith	as Committee of
as Committee of	the Society of Friends
City Council	in sd City
Witness to above signatures is Edwin M. Snow	Witness of above C. A. Howland"

Saml. C. Austin
Clerk for the day

Eleventh Month 1869

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Month 24th 1869. The Representatives from Smithfield Preparative Meeting are Joseph L. Holmes & Ezra Robinson from Providence Wm. A. Robinson and Jonathan L. Slocum who are present

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended

Smithfield Preparative Meeting proposes the following names for officers of this meeting, which is satisfactory to us; & Providence proposes the following, which, with the addition of our friend Joseph Cartland's name as overseer of Society; is also satisfactory; & the friends named are appointed to the stations designated for the ensuing year or till an other appointment; viz-

James Davis Gideon C. Smith	Overseers of Society
Gideon C. Smith Job Mann	" " Poor
James Davis Gideon C. Smith	Caretakers of Meeting house Funerals & Burying ground at Smithfield
Charles Metcalf Joseph L. Holmes	Do at Cumberland
Danl. Meader & Thos. Mitchell	Reporters of Births & Death to the Recorder
Wm A. Robinson Jos. Cartland Jos. H. Atwater	Overseers of Society
Welcome Congdon George L. Collins	of the Poor
Welcome Congdon Joseph Cartland Joseph H. Atwater Thomas E. Steere Samuel Austin George J. Adams	Caretakers of Meeting houses Funerals & Burying Grounds at Providence and Scituate
Thomas Chase Robert Shove	Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder

Twelfth Month 1869.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th Mo. 29th 1869

The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Gideon C. Smith & Ezra Robinson; from Providence [illegible] and Welcome A. Greene who are present.

We have received the following minute from the Quarterly Meeting in regard to stock viz. We have concluded to raise for this purpose & this meeting's use One thousand dollars ($1000) which our Preparative Meetings are requested to collect and pay to our Treasurer, viz.

Our beloved friend Eli Jones attended this meeting, and presented a copy of a minute from China Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as a minister and in his present religious engagement.

His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

We have united with the women's meeting in retaining in Society, at her request Mary E. Spencer formerly Mary E. Paine

We have also united with the women's meeting in discontinuing the membership of Mary L. Austin.

First Month 1870.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo. 26th 1870.

The Representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield Preparative meeting James Dennis & Joseph L. Holmes; from Providence, Thomas Harkness & Jonathan L. Slocum, who are present.

The Queries have all been read at this time & the 1st, 2d & 11th answered by our Preparative

Meetings; from these answers we have adopted the following summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph H. Atwater, Gideon C. Smith & Wm. F. Robinson whom we appoint representatives. We appoint Thomas E. Steere, Joseph H. Atwater and Welcome Congdon to make the usual provision for the accommodation of the ensuing Quarterly Meeting; and they are desired to report the expense to our next meeting.

We have united with the Women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Swanzey Monthly Meeting in favor of Isabella Chace.

Summary of Answers

1. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline except one have been attended. On the first day of the week by friends generally; in the middle of the week they are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed, a few instances of sleeping excepted.

2. Love and unity generally maintained & detraction guarded against.

No differences that have come to our knowledge

10th Generally careful to deal with offenders in manner queried after, and to place judgement, when deemed necessary, according to discipline.

Second Month 1871.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2d mo. 23d, 1871.

The Representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield, Gideon C. Smith & Joseph T. Holmes; from Providence Joseph Cartland and John H. Congdon who are present.

The committee appointed last month to make provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting made the following report, which is accepted and the clerk is directed to certify the same to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

Gilbert Congdon having applied through Providence Preparative Meeting, for a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Philadelphia Monthly Meeting for the Western District, we appoint Samuel Austin & Jonathan L. Brown to make the necessary inquiry, and, if no obstruction appears, present one to our next meeting.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting informs that they have forwarded to the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting two hundred & fifty dollars ($250) the amount called for.

We have united with the Women's meeting in receiving into membership Asenath Setton.

The London General Epistle for 1868 has been read at this time, & its instructive counsels have been edifying to us.

Third Month 1870.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d mo. 30th 1870.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, James Dennis & Ezra G. Robinson; from Providence Samuel Austin & Wm Coffin, who are present.

In the absence of the clerk Saml. Austin is appointed to serve for the day.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following certificate in favor of Gilbert Congdon, viz.

"To Philadelphia Monthly Meeting for the Western District "[illegible] Congdon having applied for a certificate to enable him to travel in America with a member of your meeting, this may certify that he is a member of this meeting and that upon inquiry no obstacle has appeared to the accomplishment of his intentions."

On the receipt of the following communication from Ezra G. Robinson & wife we appointed Gideon C. Smith and Thomas E. Steere to give such attention as the case may require, and report to our next meeting, viz.

"To the Preparative Meeting in the 3rd mo. 1870
We request the care of Friends to our adopted grandson George Willie Robinson
Ezra G. Robinson
Wealthy E. Robinson
Attleboro 3rd mo. 23rd 1870"

Saml. Austin, Clerk for the day

Fourth Month 1870

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo. 7th 1870

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Joseph H. Atwater & Ezra G. Robinson; from Providence, Albert K. Smith & Thomas E. Steere; who are present.

In the absence of the clerk, Samuel Austin is appointed for the day.

The Queries have been read and answers received from each of our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the following summary, which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Wm. A. Robinson, Alex. Lewis & Joseph H. Atwater whom we have appointed representatives.

The committee appointed on account of a communication through Smithfield Preparative Meeting, from Ezra G. Robinson inform that though not unmindful of their appointment, they are not yet ready to report. They are continued to report at our next meeting.

We are informed that our treasurer has paid to the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting the amount of Stock called for.

On receipt of the following paper, we appoint Joseph H. Atwater and Gideon C. Smith to visit John W. Carter and report at our next meeting.

4th Mo. 1870. "Providence 3d mo 24th 1870.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends — Dear Friends
Being convinced that the principles of your Society accord with the truth, I think it right to request your care with reference to membership. John W. Carter"

This meeting united with the women's meeting in receiving into membership Elizabeth L. Thomas.

The clerk is directed to sign a removal certificate in favor of Mary E. Spencer formerly Mary E. Paine, to Spring Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends, Iowa, Forward H. W. Beede's min 11.(?)

Samuel Austin
Clerk for the day

Item on 11 p~ H Beede to to be read here

Summary Answers

1. All our meetings have been attended; on First day morning by Friends generally; on the afternoon of that day & in the middle of the week they are too much neglected. The hour nearly observed, & excepting some instances of sleeping no unbecoming behavior apparent.

2. Love and unity are in good degree maintained, & detraction pretty well guarded against; No differences have come to our knowledge.

3. Care taken in regard to plainness — but more would be desirable. A concern exists to restrain from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation; youth generally are careful themselves; & the Holy Scriptures, we believe, are frequently read in Friends' families.

4. Care exists as to spirituous liquors and unnecessary frequenting of places of public resort. Moderation is observed in regard to the several occasions queried after.

5th The circumstances of the poor attended to and their necessities relieved, & their children freely partake of learning to fit them for business. None fit to place out.

6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that proceedings in respect to marriage conform to the requisitions of our discipline.

Answer 7th. We believe our testimony is maintained with regard to the several parts of this query.

8th Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; generally punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts & careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th. Care taken as to records. A few removals without certificates; some care taken

10th. Care taken to deal with offenders in manner queried after; and to place judgment according to discipline

This paragraph belongs on last page over the clerk's signature

Our beloved friend Huldah H. Beede returned, at this time, our certificate granted her in 10th Mo. 1868, stating that she had been mercifully favored [illegible] to [illegible] the service she then had in view & that the retrospect is attended [illegible] & peace. She also presented copies of minutes also from the following, Quinton, Greenwich, Clinton, Hamilton, Union, Litchfield, Dover, Smithfield, Dartmouth, New Bedford & Sandwich Monthly Meetings; Dover, Vassalboro, Falmouth & Fairfield Quarterly Meetings — also from Canada Yearly Meeting, Yonge Street Monthly Meeting & the New York Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders, informing that her labors had been acceptable & encouraging to them; all of which is satisfactory to us

Fifth Mo. 1870.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held Fifth month 25th 1870.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Gideon C. Smith and Joseph J. Holmes; from Providence, Welcome A. Greene & Thomas Harkness; who are present.

In the absence of the clerk, from continued indisposition, Samuel Austin is appointed clerk for the day.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee to visit John William Carter made the following report; which is accepted; and the women's meeting concurring, we have accordingly received him as a member of our religious society. Joseph H. Atwater is appointed to give him this information

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

The committee appointed to have an interview with John William Carter on the subject of his request, Report, that they have attended to their appointment and belive him to be sincere, and it is our judgement that it may be best to grant his request; which we submit to the meeting

Edwin C. Smith
Providence 5th Mo. 25th 1870. Joseph H. Atwater

We have united with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Winneshiek Monthly Meeting, Iowa, in favor of Caroline A. Golden (formerly Chase) and her minor son Edwin C. Golden.

The committee appointed on account of the application of Ezra G. Robinson, is continued to report to our next meeting

Saml. Austin, Clerk for the day

Sixth Month 1870.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th Mo. 29th 1870.

The representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, James Dennis and Ezra G. Robinson; from Providence Calvin Knowles and Thomas Chase; who are present

In the absence of the clerk. Samuel Austin is appointed to serve for the day.

The following communication was received through Providence Preparative Meeting. We appoint Gilbert Congdon, Joseph L. Holmes and Thomas Harkness to have an interview with Francis H. Perry on the account and report at a future meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The committee intrusted with the care and management of the Boarding School at Providence, report that they have given such attention to its concerns as way has opened for, and feel warranted in stating their belief that the institution, as to its educational capacity, the situation of its financial affairs, and the religious feeling that appears to pervade in an encouraging degree the inmates of the school, was probably never in a better condition.

Since last year the school has grown decidedly in numbers, being now much larger than ever before. The advance in scholarship has also been marked; nearly all the old officers, with their additional experience, have been retained, and courses of lectures by three Professors in Brown University have been established, in addition to the regular studies.

The number of pupils during the Autumn term was two hundred twenty-two, viz., one hundred forty-three boys and seventy-nine girls. Spring term, two hundred nineteen, viz., one hundred forty-one boys and seventy-eight girls.

Notwithstanding the large number of pupils that has been provided for within its walls, with the blessing of a kind Providence but few cases of severe sickness have occurred. During the Fall term the school was remarkably free from illness of any kind, while during the Spring term, although colds have prevailed to some extent, and a number of cases of mild disease have occurred, with a few instances of a more aggravated type, one of which proved fatal, yet the health of the school has been generally good. The case referred to was Ednah L. Bar~~k~~ber, the daughter of Adams J. Bar~~k~~ber, of Woonsocket. She died of rheumatic fever, and our principal informed us that the sweetness and patience with which she bore her painful illness were a teaching lesson to all around her.

The officers of the school are: Albert K. Smiley, principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John Rowell, Job S. Gidley, Alice R. Wing, Bessie T. Wing, Martha G. Read, and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Thomas J. Battey, teacher of natural science; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of mathematics; Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin, and German; Clarkson Collins, assistant teacher of Latin; Charles H. Gates, teacher of French; ~~Louis~~ Lucius Doman, teacher of history; and Katherine H. Austin, teacher of drawing.

After consideration of the subject, the committee came to the conclusion that the best interests of the school would be promoted by returning to the former practice of holding religious meetings for the pupils and family at the school-house. Accordingly, stated meetings for divine worship are now held in the hall of the institution on First-days at 11 o'clock A. M., and on Fourth-days at the same hour. These meetings have been attended by one or more members of the committee, and have been held to good satisfaction. The quiet and orderly department of the young people on these occasions has been very commendable. First-day afternoons and evenings have been occupied as heretofore.

Since our last Yearly Meeting a house has been erected for the residence of a farmer and his family, at a cost of	$2,534.63
Payments for additional furniture, water, hose, and expense of moving and resetting outbuildings, have amounted to	1,326.94
	$3,861.57
The annual repairs to the building and furniture paid from the gross receipts of the school have cost over	$4,000.00

From the report of the auditing committee, the receipts and expenditures of the school and charitable funds, including the Ebenezer Metcalf and other donations, are as follows:

SCHOOL FUND.

Insurance premium returned,		$97.80
Income from the investments,		6,732.46
		$6,830.26
Paid insurance premium, etc.,	$316.60	
Paid A. K. Smiley,	6,231.82	
Balance on hand,	281.84	$6,830.26

CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance of last year's account,		$844.01
Income from investments,		2,240.96
		$3,084.97
Paid school bills,	$2,050.00	
Balance on hand 5 mo., 1874,	1,034.97	3,084.97

This income will warrant the admission of twenty-three pupils on the fund the ensuing year.

The present indebtedness of the school 6th mo. 2, 1874, is as follows:

Due the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for money loaned, and interest,	$15,498.93
On contracts for building a carriage-house, storehouse, shed, etc., now in course of erection,	4,000.00
	$19,498.93
Less unexpended amount of estimated profits of school the present year,	3,750.00
Present indebtedness,	$15,748.93

It is proposed that the present charge for board and tuition be continued, viz.:

For members of this Yearly Meeting,	$100.00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00
For all others that may be admitted,	300.00

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, German, or drawing, one half payable at the opening of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

In conclusion, we feel bound again to commend the school to the special notice and consideration of Friends, believing as we do that we have an institution that is well worthy, from the extent and character of its accommodations and appointments, of the support of the members of our religious society, and that with this united concern for its welfare, and the blessing of Heaven on the well intended efforts of those concerned in its management, it will continue to be an instrumentality for good to the rising generation among us.

On behalf and by direction of the committee.

WM. C. TABER, Clerk.

Providence, 6 mo. 3, 1874.

NOTE.—The Autumn term begins 9 mo. 2, 1874, and closes 1 mo. 20, 1875.
Winter recess begins 1 mo. 20, 1875, closes 2 mo. 3, 1875.
Spring term begins 2 mo. 3, 1875, closes 6 mo. 23, 1875.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably, for the meeting of the committee on the 1st of 8th month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be acted on in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds, or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, should apply at the time specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits and literary attainments of the applicant.

All applications should be made to the Principal. Address ALBERT K. SMILEY, Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence report that they have given attention to the duties assigned them, and can state that the school has prospered during the past year in no ordinary degree. Entire harmony and cooperation in efforts to promote the best interests of the pupils and of the establishment have prevailed among the officers, discipline has been well maintained, and the deportment of the scholars and progress in their studies have been satisfactory.

Although they can acknowledge with thankfulness that a good degree of health has prevailed during the year, yet one case of severe illness occurred during the Fall term which resulted fatally. It was thus reported by the Principal: "John Clapp Hussey, son of the late Geo. F. Hussey, of Peekskill, N. Y., died on the 29th of 11th month, 1870, from ulceration of the bowels. His end was peaceful, and he gave full evidence that he was accepted and his sins forgiven. Much sympathy was felt with the stricken widowed mother, who in the keenness of her anguish could yet say, 'He doeth all things well.'" In a minute made at a subsequent meeting the committee add, "While we sympathize with the bereaved mother, we can also rejoice that another loved one has been added to the redeemed in heaven."

The number of pupils during the Autumn term was one hundred seventy-nine, viz.: one hundred nine boys and seventy girls. Spring term, one hundred eighty, viz.: one hundred nine boys and seventy-one girls.

The officers of the school during the past year have been: Albert K. Smiley, principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John F. Rowell, Thomas J. Battey, Bessie T. Wing, Martha G. Read, and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of mathematics; Charles H. Gales, teacher of French; Catharine H. Austin, teacher of drawing and painting. Henry Wood was employed as teacher of Latin, Greek and German during the first half year, but was under the necessity of leaving on account of ill health. During the second half year the following additional teachers have been employed, viz.: Alonzo Williams, teacher of Latin; Karl Ernst, teacher of German; and John H. Burnham, teacher of Greek.

The pupils and family continue to attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons, and in the middle of the week. On First-day afternoons scripture lessons are given to the whole school. Portions of scripture are daily read to the assembled school in each department, at the breakfast table, and also at the evening collections.

Owing to the necessity of presenting a statement of the finances of the school before the end of the term, the account rendered to the Yearly Meeting is necessarily imperfect, and we have now to report that the net earnings of the school made up to the end of the school year, 6 mo. 28, 1870, as ascertained by the Auditing Committee, was $6,347.55, reducing the school debt at that time to $4,520.71.

The estimated earnings of the school to the end of the present term, as now reported to us, will exceed its expenses, including interest paid and necessary annual repairs, by the sum of		$5,215.00
Less paid cost of apparatus for extinguishing fires,	$514.14	
Less paid for gravel walk in front of school buildings,	329.20	
		843.34
Balance of earnings less improvements,		$4,371.66
School debt 6 mo., 1870,		4,520.71
School debt 6 mo., 1871,		$149.05

The Auditing Committee has also presented a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the School Fund and of the Charitable Fund, including the E. Metcalf and other donations, which are as follows:

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer 5th mo. 30, 1870,		$19.87
Income of the fund,		7,069.27
Insurance premium returned,		165.60
		$7,254.74

PAYMENTS.

Insurance premium paid,	$301.25	
B. N. & S. S. Lapham, fees in the case of Lloyd street lay out,	60.00	
Paid William A. Robinson, copy of deeds,	3.60	
Paid A. K. Smiley, per receipts,	6,872.83	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	17.06	
		7,254.74

CHARITABLE FUNDS, AND E. METCALF AND OTHER DONATIONS.

Balance in hands of Treasurer 5 mo. 30, 1870,		$960.87
Income of the funds,		2,528.86
		$3,489.73
Paid school bills,	$2,280.00	
Balance on hand,	1,209.73	
		3,489.73

The income from the above fund will probably warrant the admission of twenty scholars the ensuing year.

Approximate statement of the receipts and expenditures of the boarding school for the year ending 6 mo. 25th, 1870:

RECEIPTS.

Tuition Autumn term,	$18,500.00	
Tuition Spring term,	18,780.00	
From the fund, deducting insurance,	6,831.45	
		$44,111.45

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries,	$16,072.05	
Wages,	3,954.00	
Provisions,	10,707.16	
Repairs,	3,258.45	
Fuel $2,061.34, light $907.68,	2,969.02	
Library,	180.13	
Incidentals,	663.09	
Profits,	6,347.55	
		$44,151.45

The apartments allotted to the girls having been so materially and satisfactorily improved the attention of the Committee has been turned to the great necessity of similar alterations for the better accommodation of the boys. Their sleeping apartments are now insufficient and badly arranged for their comfort and for the convenience of those who have the care of them. Many of the rooms are unsuitable and all are wanting in many of the appliances that are considered necessary in similar establishments.

A larger and better ventilated school-room for the boys is much wanted, and may be set down as essential to the welfare of teachers and pupils. The present room will not seat all the boys now in attendance. Additional class-rooms are also needed.

The three dining rooms used by the scholars are crowded and increased room for this purpose would add largely to the comfort of the pupils and family. Additional and more suitable rooms ought to be supplied for the domestics and workmen on the premises.

To effect these objects we would recommend that the Committee that may be appointed to have the charge of the school the ensuing year be authorized, when the necessary funds can be obtained, to make such improvements as are actually needed by an addition to the present building and such alterations in the present arrangements as in their judgment will promote the welfare and best interests of the Institution.

Since our last report a street has been laid out by the city authorities of Providence through the North-west part of the school premises on land purchased of the heirs of Thomas Halsey, occupying about 45,000 square feet, for which an award has been made to the Yearly Meeting of $3,000.00; and the Committee have been informed that the Water Commissioners of Providence are desirous of obtaining a triangular piece of land cut off from the school farm by the street above mentioned, containing 70,931 square feet, (about 1⅝ acres.) Owing to its shape and situation between two streets this lot would be expensive to enclose and inconvenient to cultivate, and the Committee therefore suggest the propriety of disposing of it and applying the proceeds for the benefit of the Institution, believing that by so doing the best interest of the school with respect to the present generation of scholars will be materially promoted, as well as the welfare of all connected with the establishment.

It is proposed that the charge for board and tuition the ensuing school year of forty weeks be as follows:

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	$100.00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00
For all others who may be admitted,	300.00

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Latin, French, German, or Drawing. One half payable at the commencement of the year and one half at the opening after recess.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

WM. C. TABER, Clerk.

NOTE. The first half year begins 9 mo. 6, 1871; closes 1 mo. 24, 1872.
The Winter recess begins 1 mo. 24, 1872; closes 2 mo. 7, 1872.
The second half year begins 2 mo. 7, 1872; closes 6 mo. 26, 1872.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year only when application is made therefor at the time of entering. The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as possible, as in the arrangement of classes and studies reference is made primarily to those who remain through the year, constituting as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportional share of advantage.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the first of eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants.

Applications for admission should be made to the Principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal, Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

"Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

I respectfully request to be discontinued a member of your religious society, inasmuch as I feel it to be my place with another branch of the family of our blessed Lord and Savior

Very friendly & respectfully yours,
5th Mo. 25th 1870
Francis H. Perry"

The committee appointed on account of the request of Ezra G. Robinson and wife, is continued to report at a future meeting

Saml. Austin, Clerk for the day

Seventh Month 1870.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 27th 1870.

The representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, Ezra G. Robinson and Gideon C. Smith, from Providence Joseph Cartland and Thomas C. Steere, who are present.

The Clerk being absent Gideon C. Smith was appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries have been read with the required answers from our Preparative Meetings and we have adopted the following which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Thomas Harkness, James Dennis and Joseph H. Atwater whom we appoint our Representatives.

Joseph H. Atwater reported that he had informed John William Carrier of the decision of this meeting in his case.

Gideon C Smith Clerk for the day

Summary of Answers.

1, All our meetings have been attended, Those held on the morning of the first day of the week, by Friends generally. In the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are more neglected. The hour nearly observed. No unbecoming behaviour apparent except some instances of sleeping.

2, Love and unity are in good degree maintained and deviation guarded against. No difference has come to our knowledge.

10, Care taken to deal with offenders in manner queried after — and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

Eighth Month 1870.

At Providence
Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo 24th 1870

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Joseph E. Holmes & Gideon C. Smith; from Providence, Thos Chase & Thos E. Steere; who are present. Saml Austin is appointed clerk for the day

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

We have received through the Quarterly Meeting the following extracts from the minutes of our late Yearly Meeting viz.

Extract from the Minutes of our Yearly Meeting held in the 6th month 1870.

"In order that a correct list of the members of our meeting of ministers & elders may be kept upon our records, our Quarterly Meetings are requested to report the names, next year, of all the ministers & elders within their limits, and they are requested to report annually in addition to our present practice, all the names of those who remove without the limits of our Yearly Meeting and of those who remove within the limits of each Quarterly Meeting.

The meeting was introduced into exercise on behalf of those who have been in membership with us, but on various accounts have lost that right and also for the descendants of such and for other non-members who manifest an attachment to Friends

Eighth Month 1870.

by attending our meetings; - and, under a belief that a responsibility rests upon us and a religious duty is required of us towards such, Monthly Meetings were encouraged to appoint committees to visit them in the spirit of restoring love, and labor with them in the ability afforded in order to bring them into the bosom of the church, manifesting the interest and solicitude of Moses towards Hobab, his brother-in-law, witnessed by the kind invitation, 'Come thou with us and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel'

Signed on behalf of the Meeting, Saml Boyce, Clerk"

The Committee appointed in the 4th mo. last, presented the following report which is accepted, & the subject is dismissed for the present, and the Committee discharged viz. "To the Monthly Meeting,

The Committee appointed on the request of Ezra and Weltha E. Robinson, report - that we have attended to the appointment and endeavored to do what seemed best in the case, and it is our judgement that it may be best to postpone the subject for the present and the Committee be discharged from farther service in the case; which we submit to the meeting

Providence 24th 8mo. 1870.
Gideon C. Smith
Thomas Harkness } Com.

The Committee on the request of Francis H. Perry made the following report, which is accepted and he is accordingly released from membership with Friends - the womens meeting concurring; and Thomas Harkness is appointed to give him this information. "To Providence Monthly Meeting"

The committee on the request of Francis H. Perry to be released from membership, report. We have had a pleasant and interesting opportunity with him on the subject. Without any apparent dissatisfaction with the Society of Friends with whom he holds a birthright membership, he appears satisfied with the course he has taken. The labor assigned us, we believe has been performed and we are united in judgement that it will be best to grant his request; which

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we submit to the meeting, Providence 8th Mo 24th 1870.

Gilbert Congdon
Thos Harkness
Joseph C. Holmes

We unite with the women's meeting in continuing, as a member of our religious society, Mary Derry, formerly Metcalf.

We unite with the women's meeting in releasing, (according to her request) Martha G. Stevens, as a member of our religious society.

We appoint Joseph Cartland Thomas Harkness, and James Dennis a committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account and to propose at our next meeting the names of Friends to serve as Treasurer, Clerk, Assistant Clerk Auditors & Recorder

Our Preparative Meetings are requested to propose the names of Friends to act as Overseers of Society, Overseers of the Poor, Caretakers of Meeting houses, Funerals & Burial Grounds, & Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder

Saml. Austin, Clerk for the day

Ninth Month 1870.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th Mo. 28th 1870.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, James Dennis and Ezra G. Robinson, from Providence, Calvin Knowles and Joseph H. Atwater; who are present.

In the absence of the clerk, Saml. Austin is appointed to serve for the day.

The Committee appointed to examine & settle the Treasurer's account and to make certain nominations to this meeting, presented the following report, which is satisfactory, and the Friends therein named are accordingly appointed to the several services designated, for the ensuing year or until another appointment viz. To Providence Monthly Meeting

The committee to propose the names of Friends for Clerks, Treasurer, Auditors & Recorder, and to examine

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the Treasurer's accounts, Report. attention to our appointment
We are united in proposing the following named friends
for the offices designated

Jonathan E. Thurman, clerk	Gideon C. Smith	Auditors
Thomas E. Steere Ast. "	Joseph H. Atwater	
William A. Robinson Treasr.	Samuel Austin, Recorder.	

We have examined and settled the Treasurer's accounts, and find a balance in his hands on the Expense acct. of $136 13/100 Besides 333 56/100 dollars is the balance of the money remaining in his hands which was received from the city for land taken to widen North Main St. Also in his hands $35 39/100 balance of income on the [illegible] Jenkins fund; and $26 34/100 on the Burying Ground fund, and $1.34/100 due the Treasurer on the School fund account

Providence 9th Mo. 26th 1870 Joseph Cartland
Thomas Harkness
James W. Dennis"

The Committee of this meeting, continued to complete the arrangements with the committee of the city of Providence relative to straightening and widening North Main St. and the work necessary in consequence of that improvement, made report as follows; which is satisfactory.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

We received of the city of Providence on account of land taken to widen North Main St. which was paid to our Treasurer — Two thousand dollars: of which Sixteen hundred and sixty five & 74/100 has been expended by us in the alterations &c. on our premises — bills paid by the Treasurer

Providence 9th Mo. 28th 1870.
Wm A. Robinson
Thomas Harkness } Committee
James Dennis

The London General Epistle for 1869 has been read at this time. Its contents we regard as comforting & edifying.

Samuel Austin, Clerk for the day

Tenth Month 1870.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th Mo. 26th 1870.

The representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, Joseph E. Dennis & James Dennis; from Providence, Albert K. Smiley & Thomas Chace; who are present. In the absence of the clerk Samuel Austin is appointed for the day.

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The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th. We have adopted the following summary answers which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting & Thomas Harkness, James Dennis & Thomas Chace to place, whom we appoint our representatives.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting proposes as follows; James Dennis, Gideon C. Smith } For Overseers of Society
Gideon C. Smith, Jos. Mason } Overseers of the Poor
James Dennis, Gideon C. Smith & Daniel Meader as Caretakers of Meeting House, Burying Ground and Funerals at Smithfield
Joseph W. Holmes & Charles Metcalf do. at Cumberland
Daniel Meader & Joseph W. Holmes, Reporters of births & deaths to the Recorder.

And Providence, the following, viz.
William A. Robinson, Joseph Cartland, Joseph H. Meader } Overseers of Society
Welcome Congdon, George L. Collins } " of the Poor
Welcome Congdon, Thomas Harkness, Joseph Cartland, Benjamin Buffum, Saml. Austin, Joseph H. Meader, Thomas E. Steere, George J. Adams } Caretakers of Meeting houses, Burying Grounds and Funerals at Providence & Scituate
Thos Chace, Robt. Shove } Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder

which nominations being united with, the Friends above named are appointed to the several services designated, for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

Our beloved friend, Gilbert Congdon, a minister in unity, informed this meeting that he apprehends it will be in the discharge of his religious duty to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting of North Carolina

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His concern having claimed our consideration is united with and he is left to pursue his prospect as Truth may open the way

Gideon C. Smith & Joseph Cartland are appointed a committee with whom our friend Gilbert Congdon may consult in reference to any subject connected with his prospect

Samuel Austin, Clerk for the day

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, - on First day morning by most of our members; - on the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are more neglected. The hour nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed except some instances of sleeping.

2d We believe love and unity are in good measure maintained and detraction guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

10th. Friends are in good measure careful to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgment, when required, according to discipline

Eleventh Month 1870.

At Providence
Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo. 23rd 1870.

The representatives from Smithfield Preparative Meeting are Gideon C. Smith and Joseph L. Holmes; from Providence [illegible] and Samuel Austin, [illegible] In the absence of the clerk Samuel Austin is appointed for the day.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended, except one, detained by illness in his family

Our friend Gilbert Congdon returned at this time the minute granted him last month, with the information that he had been favored to accomplish the service he then [illegible] peace, [illegible]

[illegible]

Yearly Meeting acknowledging his acceptable attendance of the same.

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting the following minute relative to stock [illegible] Quarterly Meeting held at Fall-River 3d of 11th Mo. 1870. It was concluded to raise Eleven hundred dollars for the use of the meeting; and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their [illegible] to [illegible] Congdon the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting. The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is [illegible] fifty one dollars ($451) 41 per cent On behalf of the Quarterly Meeting
Gideon C. Smith, clerk"

It is concluded to raise on this account & the use of the Monthly Meeting, the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars; and our Preparative Meetings are requested to raise and forward this amount to our Treasurer.

We concur with the Women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from the Monthly [illegible] for the Western district in favor of Ellen L. wife of Gilbert Congdon

Samuel Austin
Clerk for the day

Twelfth Month 1870.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th Mo. 28th 1870.

The representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, James Dennis & Ezra G. Robinson; from Providence Albert K. Smith & Calvin Knowles; who are present

[illegible] Samuel Austin is appointed clerk for the day.

Our Friend Sarah K. Reynolds returned at this time the certificate granted her in 7th Mo. 1869 with the information that she had been favored to accomplish the service she had, at that time, in view, to her relief and peace. She also presented a copy of minutes from Uxbridge, Smithfield, New-Bedford, Greenwich, Dartmouth & Westport Monthly Meetings, informing that her company & services have been acceptable to them; - which is satisfactory to us.

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We have received, through Providence Preparative Meeting, the following communication, concerning Charles G. Beede, viz.

To Providence Preparative Meeting

We are informed that Charles G. Beede has conducted himself in a disreputable manner, and left his home; - which we submit to the meeting. Respectfully &c

Wm A. Robinson } Overseers
Jos. H. Atwater }

Providence R.I. 12th Mo. 22d 1870

This meeting, on deliberation, concludes to disown him as a member of our religious Society, the Women's meeting uniting.

Joseph H. Atwater is appointed to give him this information.

We have received the following paper from Stephen Brooks, viz. "Providence Dec 2d 1870

To the Preparative & Monthly Meetings of Friends to be held in this city Dec. 22d & 28th respectively

Dear friends,

Having long entertained a desire to unite myself with another body of Christians, viz. the Broad St. Christian Church, & feeling an impropriety in belonging to two such bodies, at the same time, I hereby request that you will give me such a certificate or letter of removal as you may find yourselves at liberty to do in the authority of truth! Immediate action is particularly requested!

Yours, affectionately,
Stephen Brooks"

We appoint Thomas Harkness, Samuel Austin & James Dennis to have an opportunity with him on the account, and report at our next meeting.

Samuel Austin,
Clerk for the day

1st Month 1871

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held First Month 25th 1871.

The Representatives from Smithfield Preparative Meeting are James Dennis & Joseph G. Holmes, from Providence Wm A. Robinson and Wm G. Coffin; who are present.

In the absence of the clerk Saml Austin is appointed for the day.

The Queries have been read, with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th from each of our preparative meetings. Of these we have adopted the subjoined summary which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting

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to James Dennis, Wm. A. Robinson and Welcome Congdon were our appointed representatives

Joseph H. Atwater is continued to report in the case of Charles G. Beede when he has given him the necessary information.

The Committee in the case of Stephen Brooks made report as follows; which is accepted, and he is accordingly released from membership in our religious society, — the women's meeting concurring. Saml. Austin is appointed to inform him of our decision. To Providence Monthly Meeting

The Committee to visit Stephen Brooks on account of his request to be released from membership with our religious society,

Report, We have had a full and pleasant opportunity with him on the subject. He informed us under the circumstances in which he was placed he believed it was right for him to make the request and felt satisfied in having done so. It is our judgement that it will be best to release him from membership.

Providence
1st Mo. 25th 1871.

Thomas Harkness
James Dennis
Saml. Austin
} Committee

We have received the following communication thro' Smithfield Preparative Meeting

We appoint Saml. Austin & Joseph H. Atwater to visit Walter Dennis on the account & report at our next meeting.

We unite with the women's meeting in continuing in membership with us Mary G. Babcock (late Buffinton)

We appoint Welcome Congdon, Thomas G. Steere and Joseph H. Atwater to make the needful provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting

Smithfield Preparative Meeting informs that they have paid to our Treasurer One hundred and seventy five dollars, the amount called for.

The Treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay to the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer the amount called for in 11th inst.

It appearing that a number of our members have for some time been absent from us without removal certificates, the subject has at this time claimed our attention; and we appoint Joseph H. Atwater, Samuel Austin, Thomas C. Stone & Gideon C. Smith to make inquiry in this direction and report a list of our members, as full as may be, with such information as they may collect on the subject at a future meeting.

Samuel Austin, Clerk for the day

Summary of Answers

1st All our meetings have been attended, except one omitted on account of a funeral at the same hour: those on First day mornings by Friends generally; in the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are not so well attended. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed, a few instances of sleeping excepted.

2d Love and unity are in good degree maintained and detraction guarded against; no differences have come to our knowledge.

10th Care taken to deal with offenders in good degree as queried after, and when necessary to place judgment, it is done we trust according to discipline.

Second Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2d mo. 22d, 1871.

The representatives to this meeting, are, from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, Gideon C. Smith and James [illegible]; from Providence, Albert H. [illegible] & [illegible] who are present.

In the absence of the clerk, Samuel Austin is appointed clerk for the day.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

Second Month 1871.

The Committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended to their appointment and have incurred an expense of $15.65/100.
The Clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of their report.

Samuel Austin reports that he has given Stephen Brooks information of the action of this meeting in his case.

The Committee to visit Walter S. Dennis made report as follows; which is accepted, (and with the concurrence of the women's meeting he is accordingly retained in membership with us.) Edward W. Smith is appointed to inform him of our action in the case.

To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee in the case of Walter S. Dennis report that they have conferred with him in accordance of the information received through Smithfield Preparative Meeting.

We find that he continues to feel an attachment to Friends and an interest in our religious Society, with which he desires to retain his connection.

It is our view that it would be best to continue him a member.

Samuel Austin
Providence 2d mo. 22d 1871. Joseph H. Atwater

We have united with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from New Bedford Monthly Meeting in favor of Susan Knowles

Providence Preparative Meeting informs that it has paid to the treasurer of this meeting, the amount called for

Samuel Austin, Clerk for the day

Third Month 1871.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d mo. 29th 1871.

The representatives from Smithfield Preparative Meeting are Edward W. Smith & Joseph S. Holmes; from Providence, Thomas Harkness & Welcome Congdon; who are present.
In the absence of the clerk, Saml. Austin is appointed for the day.

Edward W. Smith reports that he has informed Walter S. Dennis of the action of the meeting in his case.

Samuel Austin, Clerk for the day

Fourth Month 1871.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo. 26th 1871

The representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Preparative meeting Gideon C. Smith and Joseph L. Holmes, from Providence Thomas C. Steere & Thomas Harkness, who are present.

Saml Austin is appointed clerk for the day

The Queries have been read with answers from each of our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the subjoined summary which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness, William A. Robinson & James Dennis whom we appoint to attend as representatives

John H. Congdon & Caroline Buffum having published, at this time their intentions of marriage with each other as appears by the following communication from the parties, we appoint Thomas C. Steere and Wm A. Robinson to make the necessary inquiry as to his clearness to proceed therein & report at our next meeting.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

With Divine permission and Friends' approbation we intend marriage with each other

John H. Congdon
Caroline Buffum

Providence 4th Mo. 20th 1871."

The committee to prepare, if way should open for it, testimonies of deceased friends, presented one concerning our late beloved friend Moses H. Beede, which having been read and approved, the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and forward to the Quarterly Meeting

We have received the following communication from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, viz

"We have to inform that Thomas B. Mitchell has connected himself with another religious society

North Providence 4 mo. 19th 1871.

James Dennis
Gideon C. Smith
} Overseers"

We appoint Samuel Austin & Joseph H. Atwater to visit Thomas B. Mitchell on this account to report at our next meeting.

We have united with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Swanzey Monthly Meeting in favor of Aley A. Remington

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader a minister in unity, informed this meeting that she felt a concern to attend, in the love of the gospel, the approaching Yearly Meeting of New York

This prospect having claimed our consideration is united with and she is left at liberty to pursue it as Truth may open the way. The clerk is directed to sign a minute to this effect on her behalf

Huldah M. Beede, a minister in unity with us informs us that she believes it may be right for her to accompany our dear friend Elizabeth Meader in her proposed attendance of New York Yearly Meeting

The clerk is directed to sign a minute expressing our unity with her in this engagement.

Samuel Austin, Clerk for the day

Answers to the Queries

1st

All our meetings have been attended; on first-day morning by Friends generally; in the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week, they are much neglected: the hour nearly observed; unbecoming behavior avoided, except some instances of sleeping.

2d. Love and unity pretty well maintained and detraction generally guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge

3d Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behavior & apparel, to restrain from pernicious reading & corrupt conversation; generally good examples, themselves.

The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in nearly all of Friends families

4th, Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors and the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort; and to observe moderation and temperance in the cases referred to

5th We believe the circumstances of the poor & of those who appear likely to need assistance are duly inspected and relieved when necessary, and their children freely partake of learning to fit them for business

None placed out.

6th. More care on the part of many friends in regard to the several points of this query would be desirable

7th Clear as far as appears in respect to the several parts of this query

8th Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts. Generally punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th. Careful as to records. Some removals without certificate Care taken.

10th We believe care is taken to deal with offenders in the manner queried after, and to place judgement when necessary according to discipline.

Recorded ministers within our limits
Elizabeth Meader, Huldah M. Beede, Sarah W. Reynolds, Gertrude W. Cartland.
Elders, - James Dennis, Gideon C. Smith, Joseph Cartland Eunice Metcalf, Mary A. Smith, Sarah F. Tilley, Hannah C. Peckham, Anna T. Dennis. —
Gilbert Congdon a minister, a member of Prov. Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th mo. 9. 1870 aged 59 y. 8 mos. 22 days.

Fifth Month 1871.

At Providence
Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 5th Mo. 24th 1871.
The Representatives are, from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, James Estes and James Dennis; from Providence Albert K. Smiley & Calvin Knowles; who are present.
Samuel Austin is appointed clerk for the day.
The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended
The committee appointed at our last meeting, having made the needful inquiry, report the clearness of John W. Congdon to proceed in marriage with Caroline Buffum, and that he has the consent of the surviving parent
We accordingly leave him at liberty to accomplish his intended marriage in accordance with our discipline; & we appoint Wm A. Robinson & Thomas E. Steere,

-uniting with a committee of the women's meeting - to extend the necessary care in the case, present the certificate for and make report at our next meeting.

At the request of the parties, a meeting for the Solemnization of said marriage is hereby appointed at the house of our Friend Benjamin Buffum on 4th day the 7th of 6th Mo. next, at 12 o'clock, M. - the women's meeting concurring

Wm A. Robinson and Joseph Cartland are appointed a committee with whom our friend Elizabeth Meader may confer in regard to any matters connected with her proposed attendance of New York Yearly Meeting

We unite with the women's meeting in continuing Elizabeth D. Goodrich (formerly [illegible]) a member of our Society, at her request.

Our beloved friend, Peace Jones attended this meeting and presented a minute of China Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her as a minister and in her present engagement. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us & the clerk is directed to sign a minute to this effect.

At the request of the committee appointed to visit Thomas B. Mitchell, the subject is for the present, referred to the further consideration of the overseers, and the committee is released.

Samuel Austin, Clerk for the day

Sixth Month 1871.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 28th of 6th mo 1871.

The Representatives to the meeting are from Smithfield Joseph L. Holmes & Gideon C. Smith from Providence William A. Robinson and William G. Coffin who are all present.

The Clerk being absent Gideon C. Smith is appointed Clerk for the day.

Our beloved friend Jeremiah A. Grinnell attended this meeting, with a minute from Newberry Monthly Meeting, endorsed in Lost Creek Quarterly Meeting Blount County Tennessee, certifying unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us. the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The following minute from Smithfield Preparative meeting was received and the Committee in charge of the Meeting Houses of Smithfield Preparative Meeting are requested to give attention to the subject and report to this meeting when the work is accomplished.

"The members of Cumberland Meeting request that their Meeting House should be repaired and the seating improved."

Our friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the minute granted her in the 4th month last to attend New York Yearly Meeting; with the information that she had been favored to accomplish what she had in prospect to the relief and peace of her own mind. She also presented a minute from New York Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders certifying that her company and religious services had been acceptable to them, — all of which is satisfactory to us.

The Committee to attend the marriage of Johns H. Congdon and Caroline Buffum report, that they attended to their appointment, and that the marriage was conducted in an orderly manner, and that the Certificate was deposited for Record.

Gideon C. Smith Clerk for the day

Seventh Month 1871.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held Seventh month 26th 1871.

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, James Dennis & Joseph L. Holmes; from Providence Welcome Congdon & Calvin Knowles who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time, and answers adopted for the first, second & tenth which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness, Gideon C. Smith & James Dennis whom we appoint to attend as representatives.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth L. Comstock attended this meeting and presented a copy of a minute from Rollin Monthly Meeting endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting of 4 mo. 26th 1871 expressing unity with her as a minister and in her present religious engagement. Her company & labors in the gospel have been acceptable to us; and the clerk is directed to sign a minute of like import prepared in the women's meeting.

Our beloved friend John F. Comstock, an elder in unity, attended this meeting as companion to his wife Elizabeth L. Comstock with a minute from Rollin Monthly Meeting expressing their unity with him in this engagement. His company has been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute.

We have received the following minute from our Yearly Meeting, viz.,

"At the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in the 6th month 1871. the subject of building a meeting house in Kansas being brought before us, deep sympathy was expressed with the dear friends about to be separated to form a new Yearly Meeting in that State, and Friends of our several Monthly Meetings are encouraged to make liberal collections for the purpose of aiding them and forwarding the amount to the treasurer of this meeting which he is directed to forward to Washington Hadley Lawrence, Kansas. A copy of this minute is to be forwarded to each of our Monthly Meetings

Extracted from the Minutes, Charles R. Tucker, Clerk."

We appoint Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Austin & Joseph C. Holmes to receive subscriptions for this purpose & report to our next meeting.

This meeting unites with the women's in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Charlotte D. Holmes.

Our beloved friend Sarah K. Reynolds, a minister in unity, informed us that she had for some time felt a concern to visit in gospel love, some meetings within the limits of Smithfield Sandwich & Salem Quarterly Meetings: which is united with, & she is left at liberty to proceed therein as Truth may open the way. We appoint Thomas Harkness, Gideon C. Smith a committee with whom our friend Sarah K. Reynolds may advise in relation to any matters concerning this engagement.

The Treasurer of this meeting is hereby authorized to dispose of a Providence city bond now held by him, the proceeds to be expended under the care of a committee now under appointment for repairs & improvements on the meeting house, lot and Providence;- this committee being also empowered to unite on our behalf with the city authorities in laying a wooden pavement on North Main St. adjoining our premises should they deem it expedient. With the concurrence of the Women's Meeting we have received & accepted the subjoined removal certificate from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in favor of Ahaz Bassett. viz; "To Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

Ahaz Bassett having removed to reside

within the limits of your meeting, requests our certificate.
This certifies that he is a member of our meeting; when here, he was a frequent attender thereof, of orderly life and conversation; & so far as we know has settled his outward affairs to satisfactio
As such we recommend him to your Christian care and oversight. Signed in & by direction of the meeting aforesaid

Saml H. Colton
Abigail Wheeler } Clerks"

Answers - Summary

1. All our meetings have been attended; on the morning of the first day of the week by Friends generally. In the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week neglected by some.
The hour pretty well observed. Except some instances of sleeping, no unbecoming behavior apparent.

2d. Love and unity are in good degree maintained, and detraction guarded against. No difference apparent.

10th. Care taken to deal with offenders, we hope, in the spirit of meekness and at a proper time. Judgement, we believe, when necessary, placed according to Discipline.

Saml Austin, - Clerk for the day

Eighth Month 1871.

At Providence Monthly Meetin of Friends held 8th Month 30th 1871.
The representatives to the Meeting are from Smithfie Jos. L. Holmes and James Dennis and from [illegible] Thomas Chace and Thomas E. Steere who are presen except one.

The Clerk being absent Joseph H. Atwater was appointed Clerk for the day.

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

The committee appointed last Month to solicit funds to aid in building a Meetin House for Friends in Kansas, are continued to give further attention to the subject and to report next Month.

We have united with the womens meeting in receiving the following Removal Certificate in favor of [illegible] H. Hilton and her [illegible] minor Children. Her husband is not a member of our religious society, and is absent from this Country.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.—

Dear Friends, [illegible] H. [illegible] a member of this Meeting, having removed within the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] H. [illegible] [illegible] and Sarah Hillman. We therefore cordially recommend them as beloved members, worthy of your kind care and regard, their business being settled with us to satisfaction.

Signed in and by direction of Marlborough Monthly Meeting held at Platte-kill State of New York 6th [illegible]

James H. Cornell
Adelaide Hallock
Clerks

George Hallock Correspondent.

Joseph H. Atwater
Clerk for the day.

Ninth Month 1871

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 mo. 27. 1871.

The Representatives from our Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield James Estes and Joseph L. Holmes. from Prov. Albert K. Smiley and Welcome Congdon who are present.

The Clerk being absent Thomas E. Steere is appointed for the day.

Our beloved Friend Silas H. Cartland attended this Meeting, and present-

Silas H. Cartland's returning Minute

ed a copy of a minute from Limington Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a Minister, and his present Religious engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us; and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute.

E. A Case's Removal Certificate

We unite with the Womens meeting in granting to Elizabeth A. Case a removal Certificate, to Minneapolis Monthly Meeting Minnesota.

Committee to visit Thomas B. Mitchell

We appoint Samuel Austin and Thomas Chace a committee to visit Thomas B. Mitchell on account of the communication concerning him, received from Smithfield Preparative Meeting

Com. on Kansas Mtg. House

The Committee appointed to receive Subscriptions towards the erection of a Friends Meeting house in Kansas, not being ready to report, are continued and requested to report to a future Meeting.

Com. to Settle the Treas. ap and report Officers &c

We appoint James Dennis Joseph H. Atwater and Joseph L. Holmes a Committee to examine and Settle the Treasurer's account; and to propose at our next Meeting the names of Friends for Treasurer, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Auditors and Recorder; and our Preparative Meetings are requested to propose the names of Friends to serve as overseers of Society, Overseers of the Poor, Caretakers of Meeting houses Burying grounds and Funerals, and Reporters of births and deaths to the Recorder.

Tho. E. Steere clerk for the day.

Tenth Month. 1871

At Providence Monthly of Friends held 10mo. 25th 1871 - The Representatives from our Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Gideon A. Smith and Ezra G. Robinson.

from Providence Samuel Austin and Thomas E. Steere who are present.

The Clerk being absent Tho. E. Steere is appointed for the day.

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to propose the names of Friends for Clerks Treasurer &c. made the following report viz.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

Report The Committee to examine and settle the Treas-
f Com urers account and for other purposes, report at-
n Treas tention to the same. and find in the hands of
officers Treasurer. Income from the Deborah H. Jenks
&c. fund eleven dollars and seventy nine cents
($11.79). Also Income from the Burying Ground
fund eighteen dollars and nine cents ($18.09)
and Income from the Charitable School fund
eight dollars and Sixty Six cents ($8.66) we also
find in his hands belonging to the General
account seven hundred Sixty three dollars
and forty four cents ($763.44)

We propose
Thomas E. Steere for Clerk
Joseph H. Atwater Asst "
William A. Robinson Treas.

Gideon C. Smith } Audit
Tho. E. Steere
Samuel Austin Recorder

Providence 10 mo. 24. 1871
James Dennis
for the Committee."

Which is accepted. and the Friends therein named are respectively appointed to the Offices designated for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting together with answers to the first. second and tenth. from which we have adopted the following Summary: which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness Albert K. Smiley and Gideon C. Smith whom we appoint Representatives.

.B. Mitchell The Committee in case of Thomas B. Mitchell [illegible] prepare a report are continued and requested to report at our next meeting.

Com. on Absent Members

The Committee to prepare a list of members belonging to this meeting reported progress. They are continued and desired to report when ready.

Amount of Stock to be raised

It is concluded to raise for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting, the Sum of fourteen hundred dollars and our Preparative Meetings are requested to raise and forward to our Treasurer, their respective proportions of the above amount.

We have received from Smithfield Preparative mtg the following request Viz.

Request from Smithfield Prep Meeting

"The Members of Smithfield particular Meeting request that their meeting held in the middle of the week be discontinued for the present; and that Smithfield Preparative Meeting be held at Cumberland during said discontinuance" — which is united with. and the members composing that meeting are left at liberty to attend at Cumberland or Providence as most ~~most~~ convenient to themselves. The women's meeting concurring herein.

Summary Answers.

Ans 1st All our meetings have been attended, except one in the middle of the week, omitted on account of a funeral. Those on ~~the~~ First day morning by Friends generally. In the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are more neglected. the hour mostly observed. unbecoming behaviour — except some instances of sleeping — not observed

Ans 2d Love and unity generally maintained. and detraction guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans. 10th Friends are careful to deal with offenders as required after and to place judgment when required according to discipline.

Tho: E. Steere Clerk

Eleventh Month 1871

At Providence Monthly of Friends, held 11 mo. 29. 1871. The Representatives from the Preparatives are, from Smithfield James Estes and Joseph S. Holmes. From Providence Samuel Austin and Wm. S. Coffin. none of whom are present except one from Providence.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

The Committee in the case of Thomas B. Mitchell. report as follows viz.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting.

Com. in case of T.B. Mitchell Report. The Committee to visit Thomas B. Mitchell on account of the communication received from the Overseers. report. — That they have had an interview with him. and endeavored to give such Counsel as the case required. Under the present Circumstances, while commending him and his family to the kind consideration of Friends, it has appeared to us best to recommend that his membership with our Religious Society be canceled

Samuel Austin }
Thomas Chace } Com.

Providence 23d. 11. mo. 1871 "

Which is accepted. and he is accordingly discontinued as a member of our Religious Society. the Women's Meeting uniting therein. And Gideon C. Smith is appointed to inform him of the decision of the Meeting in his case. and report to our next Meeting.

The following minute is received from our Quarterly in relation to Stock.

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Fall River 2d. mo. 11th. 1871.

Minute in regard to Stock It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting. thirteen hundred dollars ($1300). And the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective Quotas to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer.

The Quota of Prov. Monthly Meeting is four hundred and fifty eight dollars ($533) forty one per cent.

on behalf of the Meeting.
Gideon C. Smith clerk.

Tho. E. Steere clerk

Twelveth Month 1871.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12mo. 27th. 1871.

The Representatives from our Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Gideon C. Smith and Joseph S. Holmes. From Providence Calvin Knowles and Joseph H. Atwater, who are present except one.

Gideon C. Smith reports that he has informed Thomas B. Mitchell of the decision of the Meeting in his case.

Nomina-tion and appoint-ment of Officers

Smithfield Preparative Meeting makes the following nominations viz.

James Dennis } for overseers of Society
Gideon C. Smith

Gideon C. Smith } Overseer of the Poor
Job Mann

James Dennis } Caretakers of Meeting houses Burying grounds and funerals at Smithfield.
Gideon C. Smith
Daniel Meader

Joseph S. Holmes } Same at Cumberland
Charles Metcalf

Daniel Meader } Reporters of Births & deaths to the Recorder.
Joseph S. Holmes

And Providence. the following.

William A. Robinson } for Overseers of Society
Joseph Cartland
Joseph H. Atwater

Welcome Congdon } Overseers of the Poor.
George S. Collins

Welcome Congdon Benj. Buffum } Caretakers of Meeting houses Burying grounds & Funerals
Thomas Harkness Joseph H. Atwater
Joseph Cartland Tho. E. Steere
George James Adams

Thomas Chace & Robert Shove, Reporters of Births & deaths to the Recorder.

which being united with the Friends above named are appointed to the several Services designated. for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

Funds paid by [illegible] Smithfield

Smithfield Preparative Meeting informs that they have collected, and paid to the Treasurer of this Meeting three hundred & fifty dollars ($350) towards the amount called for by minute of 10 mo. last.

Order for Treas. to pay for repairs on Cumberland Mtg House

Our Treasurer is authorized to pay a sum, not exceeding five hundred dollars, towards the repairs on the Cumberland Meetinghouse after the bills shall have been Certified by the Committee having charge of the Same.

R. Hoag's removal Certificate

We unite with the Womens Meeting in accepting ~~the following~~ a removal Certificate in favor of Ruth Hoag and her three daughters. viz Caroline D. Emily. & Antoinette. from Sandwich Mo. Meeting, N.H.

Tho. E. Steere Clerk

First Month. 1872.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo 24th 1872.

The Representatives from Smithfield Preparative Meeting are Gideon C. Smith and Joseph G. Holmes. - from Providence are Samuel Austin and Joseph Cartland. who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the first, Second, and tenth. from our Preparative Meetings. from these we have adopted the following Summary, which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting. by our Friends Thomas Harkness, James Dennis and William C. Coffin. whom we appoint our Representatives.

Report of Com. on Membership

The Committee appointed a year since to prepare a list of our Members, made a partial report, they are continued. and in order to make our list of Membership as nearly complete as may be. they are requested to see that those of our members who reside beyond our limits: and members of other Monthly Meetings residing with us, be furnished, as far as practicable, with Removal Certificates.

With the concurrence of the Womens Meeting, we have received the following Removal Certificate from Windham Monthly Meeting in favor of Daniel O. Mayfield.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

D. C. Mayfield's Certificate

Daniel C. Mayfield having removed within the limits of your Meeting, requests our Certificate. This may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our Meeting, of orderly life and conversation, and has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction.

By direction of Windham Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Windham 12th mo. 29th 1871.

Nathan Pope }
Lydia M. C. Pope } Clerks

Oliver Pope Correspondent"

R. M. Walcot, Adelia C. Mann received

We unite with the Womens Meeting in receiving Ruth M. Walcot and Adelia C. Mann, as members of our religious Society.

C. Moore's Minute

Our beloved Friend Catharine Moore attended this meeting, and presented a copy of a minute from Pickering Monthly, endorsed by Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting

expressing unity with her as a Minister, and with her present religious engagement, her company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us. And the Clerk is directed to sign a minute of this import prepared in the Womens Meeting.

Rachel Doyle's Minute

Our beloved Friend Rachel Doyle, an Elder in unity, attended this meeting as Companion to her Sister Catharine Moore, with a Copy of a minute from Yonge St. Monthly Meeting

expressing unity with her in her present engagement. her company has been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the minute prepared in the Womens Meeting.

Com. on Education — We appoint James Estes, James Dennis, Joseph Cartland and Thomas E. Steere a Committee to cooperate with the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education.

Com. on Q. M. — Tho. E. Steere & Joseph H. Atwater are appointed a Committee to make provision for the Quarterly Meeting and report the expense to our next Meeting.

Answers.

1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended.

Those on First-day mornings by Friends generally:— On the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are more neglected. The hour pretty well observed. No unbecoming noticed except a few instances of sleeping.

2d. Love and unity are in good degree maintained. And detraction guarded against. No difference has come to our knowledge.

10th. Friends are in good degree careful to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

Tho. E. Steere Clerk.

Second Month 1872.

At Prov. Mo. Mtg of Friends held 2d mo 28. 1872.

The Representatives from Smithfield Preparative Meeting are James Estes and James Dennis, from Providence Thomas Chace and Benj. Knowles who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The Committee to make provision for the Quarterly Meeting, report, that they attended to the Service, and incurred an expense thirteen dollars and seventy five cents ($13.75). Which is approved, and the Clerk is directed to certify the same.

We have received and accepted the following Removal Certificate from Smithfield Monthly Mtg in favor of Thomas J. Battey and family.

The womens Meeting uniting therein. Viz.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends.

Thomas J. Battey. his wife Augusta, and their Minor Son. Charles Heaton Battey. having removed to live within the limits of your Meeting. request our Certificate.

This may Certify on their behalf. that they are members of our Religious Society, of orderly lives and Conversation. diligent in the attendance of meetings while with us, and that he has settled his outward affairs to Satisfaction, as far as appears.

We reccommend them to your Christian care, and are your friends.

By direction and on behalf of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends. held at Woonsocket. 1st Mo. 25th 1872.

Richard Battey
Sarah Osborne } Clerks

Isaac Steere Correspondent"

The Committee having charge of the repairs on Cumberland Meeting house. are Authorized to draw on our Treasurer for the Sum of Five hundred dollars ($500.). to Complete the same.

The London General Epistle for 1870 has been read at this time. much to our comfort and edification.

Thomas E. Steere Clk.

Third Month 1872.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd mo 27th, 1872.

The Representatives from our Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Joseph G. Holmes and Gideon A. Smith. from Providence Daniel C. Mayfield and Samuel Austin. Who are present.

Providence Preparative Meeting reports the payment to our Treasurer of our thousand and fifty dollars ($1050.) which makes up the amount called for by this Meeting in the 10th mo. last.

Tho. E. Steere Clerk.

Fourth Month 1872.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4 mo. 24. 1872.

The Representatives from our Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis and Joseph S. Holmes. from Providence Albert K. Smiley and Thomas E. Steere who are present.

The queries have been read with answers thereto from our Preparative Meetings. from which we have adopted the following Summary, which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Thomas Harkness. Joseph H. Atwater and James Dennis, whom we appoint Representatives.

We forward to the Quarterly a memorial Concerning our late beloved Friend Gilbert Congdon.

Our beloved Friend Huldah M. Beede a Minister with whom we have unity, opened in this meeting a concern which has for some time rested upon her mind to attend, in the love of the Gospel the approaching Yearly Meetings of Canada. Western. Iowa: and the opening of Kansas Yearly Meeting - to appoint and attend some Meetings among Friends and others within the limits of those Yearly Meetings and also to attend some meetings in other Yearly Meetings on her way going and returning Which claiming our serious consideration was fully united with by the Meeting. and she is left at liberty to pursue her prospect under the care and guidance of her Divine Master.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer, our Quota of Stock.

Answers to the Queries

Ans 1st All our Meetings have been attended. Those on the morning of first day by Friends generally. In the afternoon of that day and the middle of the week. they are more neglected. The hour nearly observed. Some instances of Sleeping. Of other unbecoming behavior Clear.

Ans 2d. Love and unity are in good degree maintained. and detraction guarded against. No difference apparent.

Ans 3d. Friends endeavor to bring up those under their direction in plainness of Speech behavior. and apparel. To restrain from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. Mostly good examples themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans 4th. We know of none who use Spirituous Liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal: and of none who frequent taverns and places of public resort; and we believe Friends observe moderation and temperance on account of births. marriages, and on other occasions

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to. and their necessities relieved. Their children partake of learning. None placed out

Ans 6th. Parents, and heads of families with the young and unmarried. are generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

Ans 7th. We believe our testimonies are maintained in the several parts of this Query.

Ans 8th Careful to inspect our affairs and settle our accounts. Friends are just in the payment of their debts and generally punctual to their promises and careful to live within the bounds of their Circumstances.

Ans. 9th. Careful as to records. Several removals without Certificates. Some care taken.

Ans. 10th. Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders as queried. And to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

Thomas E. Steere Clerk

Fifth Month 1872.

At Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 29th. 1872.

The Representatives from our Preparative Meetings, are from Smithfield James Estes and Gideon C. Smith

From Providence Welcome Congdon and Daniel C. Maxfield, who are present

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The Committee appointed 1st mo. 1871. to revise our roll of membership. made the following report. Which is satisfactory, and is adopted by the meeting. The Committee are continued. and in connection with our Overseers, and such Friends as the Women's Meeting may appoint for the purpose. are requested to carry out the recommendations and suggestions contained in the report. and present the result of their action to a future Meeting.

Report

"The Committee to revise our list of Members, to consider the subject of issuing certificates for absent ones and of asking certificates for Friends residing within our limits without them. recommend that the Monthly early consult or correspond with those named in the following list to aid us in judging of the expediency of issuing Certificates in their behalf. viz.

Benjamin G. Earle	Davenport	Iowa
Charles S. Freeborn	St. Louis	Mo.
Nathan Stevens & family	"	"
George F. Folsom	San Francisco	Cal.
Welcome A. Greene	New Bedford	Mass.

Robert P. Harkness Cincinnati Ohio
George A. Chase Boston & Portland Steamer
Wm A. Robinson Jr. New Bedford Mass.
James P. Reynolds Mich.
Benj. T. Randall New York City
Josiah Shove "
Oloff Palmgrun "
Edwin Slade & Wife Sheboygan Wis.
Albert Paine
John S. Peasley.

We would suggest that those named in the following list are so located that no action on our part is required at present as to certificates viz.

Benj. F. Knowles So. Manchester Ct.
Geo. T. Mitchell Fall River Mass.
George Wing Davenport Iowa.
Robert T. Wing Argenta M.T.
Saml P. Hussey At Sea

They would also name, as members of Society among us without certificates.

Adam Babcock. Elizabeth A. Chase and Son Lindley Nancy H. Anthony (Wife of Thomas.) Valentine Meader, Isaac Fairbrother, George F. Varney, S. Edward Thorne. Robert Hanson, George E. Dudley. Bessie T. Wing. Mary Amy Collins Sewall L. Robinson Simon G. Ellis. Samuel Moore Moore. Charles S. Cartland.

Members of Providence
Monthly Meeting 4 mo. 1872.

Members of
Providence Preparative Meeting

Adams. George James
Almy Eliza

Atwater.	Mary W.	
"	Richard M.	Millville N.J.
"	Mary Alice	
"	Anna Caroline	
Atwater	Joseph H.	
"	Elizabeth H.	
"	Ida D.	
"	Alfred S.	
Austin	Samuel	
"	Elizabeth H.	
"	Katharine H.	
"	John Osborne	
"	William Samuel	
"	Rachel	
Allen	Eunice	
Anthony	Susan	
Aldrich	Isaac	Scituate
"	Mary Ann	"
"	Elizabeth J.	"
Angell	Eunice Chace	San Francisco Cal.
Babcock	Mary C.	
Barker	Martha	Brattleboro Vt.
Bartlett	Deborah	
Bassett	Ahaz	E. Providence
Eliza	Bowen	
Bond	Lydia M	
Brownell	Eliza	Scituate

Buffum	Benjamin
"	Ellen R.
"	Mary K.
"	Louisa
"	Benjamin Jr.
Chase	Thomas
"	Isabella
"	Asa P.
"	George A.
"	Elcy M
"	Elcy Ann
Coffin	William G.
"	Phebe
Collins	George Lewis
"	Laura S.
"	George Lewis Jr.
"	Eliza
"	Laura
Capron	Elizabeth C.
Congdon	Welcome
"	George W.
Congdon	Ellen L.
"	Elizabith Arnold
"	Gilbert Arnold
Congdon	John H.
"	Caroline B.
Cartland	Joseph
"	Gertrude W.
Carter	William J.
Comstock	Jonathan F.
Cornell	Mary A.

Dennis James Jr.
Earle Benjamin C.
Freeborn Charles S. St. Louis Mo.
George F. Folsom Col.
Greene Charles
" Welcome A.
" Nathan
" Alfred
" John Carver
" Louisa M.
Graves Sarah J. Apponaug
Gifford Harriet
" Elizabeth Coffin
Goodrich Elizabeth B.
Haskell Patience
Harkness Thomas
" Dorcas B.
" Robert P. Cincinnati O.
" Josephine W.
Haines William E.
Hacker Francis A.
Hussey Samuel Bancroft
Hawes Maria
" Jethro M
" George Henry
" Edward C.
" Louisa
Knowles Benjamin
" Benjamin Franklin

Knowles	Calvin
"	Urania
"	Eliza M
"	Susan
Kenyon	John T. Jr.
"	Susan S
"	Eliza
"	Lydia
Lawton	Betsey F.
Lawrence	Hannah F.
Lee	Mercy
Mayfield	Daniel C.
Meader	Elizabeth
Mitchell	Rebecca S.
"	George T.
"	Rebecca G.
Metcalf	Asenath
"	Celinda
Parker	Grace
"	Thomas
"	Anna O.
"	Arthur H
"	Emily
Peckham	Hannah F.
"	Susan
Perry	Edward B.
Palmgreen	Antoinette
"	Margaret
"	Orloff

Reynolds James
" Sarah K.
" James Jr.

Remington Alcy A.

Robinson William A.
" Dorcas B.
" Mary A.
" Anna
" William A. Jr. New Bedford Ms.

Randall Benjamin F. N. York Cy
Razee Eunice
Read Martha G.

Steere Thomas Elwood
" Rebecca Akin
" Robert King

" Daniel

Shaw Amy Ann Goodale

Smiley Albert K.
" Eliza P.
" Rebecca H.

Stevens Deborah

" Judith G.
" Anna J.
" B. Charles
" Ida M.

Shove Josiah New York

Smith Mary Ann

Smith Esther - Wife of Silas -

Sanford Ruth

Stanton	Mary Anna	
Stevens	Nathan	St. Louis
"	Emily R.	"
"	Geo. Lincoln	"
Slade	Edwin	Glen Beulah Wi
"	Elizabeth	
Sutton	Edward	
"	Sarah L.	
Sutton	Mary H.	
"	Addah H.	
"	John G.	
"	Isaac	
"	Mary M.	
"	S. Helena	
Slocum	Jona.	
"	Mary E.	
"	Edward E.	
"	Lydia F.	
"	F. Langford	
Shove	Robert	
"	Anna W.	
"	Mary W.	
Tobey	Sarah F.	
"	E. Caroline	
"	Lydia A.	
Tellow	Asenath	
Thorne	Elizabeth A.	
Wallace	Azubah	
Wilbur	N. Harvey	
Wing	George	Davenport Io
"	Robert F.	Montana T

Sarah D. Wood — Wife of Wm —
Weeden Job   Barrington Center
Battey Tho. J.
" Augusta
" Charles

Members of Smithfield Rep. Meeting

Angell Ruth A.
Beede Huldah M.
Beede Elias D.
" Mary Ann
Chase James H.
" Lucretia G.
" Camilla
Chase Jonathan   Valley Falls
Chase Jonathan   Manville
Dennis James
" Amea T.
" Walter S.
" Edward L.
Deny Mary —
Estes James
Earle Timothy
" Phebe M.
" Rachel A.
" George T.
" Anna
" Miriam
Farnum

Gardiner Olive (Knowles) Wife of Dane

Golden Caroline A.
Edwin Chase

Greene Lois Anna

Haskins Nancy

Hoag Rush
" Caroline D.
" Emily
" Antoinette

Holmes Joanna

Holmes Joseph S.
" Charlotte S.
" Delos Irving
" Hattie Louise
" Mabel D.
" [illegible]

Mann Philena A.
" Job S.
" Olive
" Adelia
" Lydia

Metcalf Eunice

Metcalf Charles
" Lydia
" Omar
" Sarah
" Eunice 2d.

King Abby J.
" Annie L.
" Ellaline
" Eliza M.

Metcalf Mary

Mitchell Anna Wife of Tho. B.
" William P.
" Caleb P.
" George A.

Meader Daniel
" Louisa P.
" Walter D.
" Frank

Paine Albert A
Paine Dorcas
Paine Milly
Peasley John S.
Pratt Mary P.
Robinson Ezra G.
" Weltha
Smith Gideon C.
" Mary A.
Sisson Ruth
" Avis
" Susan
Spencer Mary E.
Walcott Ruth M
Wood Mary H. Valley Falls.

Whole number of Members in Prov. Prep. Mtg	183
" " " " " Smithfield "	77
Total —	260

Sixth Month 1872.

At Providence Monthly of Friends. held 6mo. 26. 1872.

The Representatives from Smithfield Preparative Meeting are Gideon C. Smith and Joseph S. Holmes. From Providence Geo. S. Collins and Thos. J. Battey, who are present.

Our beloved Friend Zacheus H. Powell. attended this Meeting. with a minute from Scipio Monthly Meeting. N.Y. endorsed by Scipio Quarterly Meeting. expressing unity with him as a minister. and with his present engagement. His company and religious Services have been acceptable and edifying. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved Friend Chauncey B. Thorne. attended this meeting as Companion to our Friend Zacheus H. Powell. with a minute of unity from Scipio Monthly Meeting. N.Y. His company has been acceptable to us. The clerk is requested to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved Friend Ruth C. Hall, a minister in unity from Winneshiek Monthly Meeting Ioa, attended this meeting. with a minute from that Meeting. Her company and religious Services have been acceptable to us. and we have directed our Clerk to sign on our behalf. the minute prepared for her in the Womens meeting.

We have united with the Womens Meeting in accepting a Removal Certificate from Smithfield Mo. Meeting in favor of Anna Inman.

Thomas C. Steere Clerk

Seventh Month 1872.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7mo. 24. 1872.

The Representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting James Estes and Gideon C. Smith. from Providence Calvin Knowles and Mowry Congdon. Who are present except one. In the absence of the Clerk Samuel Austin is appointed for the day.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th. We have adopted the following Summary as describing our State as far as they extend. which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Thomas Mathewson James Dennis and Samuel Austin, whom we appoint to attend as our Representatives.

We have received the following communication through Providence Preparative Meeting.

"To Providence Preparative Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends.

Existing circumstances make it best for me to resign my right of membership in your Society. Which I now respectfully do. and hope the pleasant general relations between us may continue.

With much esteem
I am Your friend.
William A. Robinson Jr.

New Bedford 7mo. 17. 1872"

We appoint Gideon C. Smith and Samuel Austin to confer with the writer upon the accounts to report to a future Meeting.

We have received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting the Report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School, which has been read at this time.
The London General Epistle for 1871 is also received.

BOARDING SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee appointed to have the charge and oversight of the boarding school at Providence, report that they have endeavored to discharge the duty assigned them, and that they can thankfully acknowledge that, with the divine blessing on their efforts and the faithful cooperation of the officers and teachers, the school has sustained its previous high character, and we trust has been a blessing to many of its inmates. Harmony has prevailed in the establishment, the discipline of the school has been maintained, and the pupils have shown a satisfactory progress in their studies. The number of pupils during the Autumn term was one hundred ninety-one, viz., one hundred nineteen boys and seventy-two girls; Spring term, one hundred seventy, viz., one hundred eight boys and sixty-two girls.

The officers of the school the past year have been: Albert K. Smiley, principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John F. Rowell, George E. Dudley, Bessie T. Wing, Martha G. Read, and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Thomas J. Battey, teacher of Natural Science; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of Mathematics; Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin, and German; Charles H. Gates, teacher of French; J. Lewis Diman, lecturer on History; and Katharine H. Austin, teacher of Drawing.

The pupils and family attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons and in the middle of the week. First-day afternoons are occupied with scripture lessons by the whole school. Portions of scripture are daily read to the assembled school in the morning, and also before retiring to their rooms at night.

The committee have felt that there was cause for thankfulness in witnessing the general good conduct of the young people attending the school, and the evident religious concern that they have observed to prevail among the officers and teachers, and in a hopeful and encouraging degree with many of the pupils. They would commend the school, and those associated in its management, to the prayerful interest of friends.

During the last summer vacation the large lodging-rooms occupied by the boys were divided into smaller rooms ; two new passageways were opened, connecting the first and second stories of the central building with the boys' wing ; the nurseries were greatly improved by the addition of a new bath-room in each story, and other needful accessories ; the class-rooms were refitted and refurnished, and a new steam cooking apparatus was introduced into the kitchen. The whole expense of these repairs and improvements was $8,721.33.

The indebtedness of the school, as shown by the report of the committee last year, was $149.05 ; but when the settlement for the school year ending 6 mo. 30, 1871, was made, there proved to be $1,441.78 more of profit than was estimated, which paid the debt and left a balance in favor of the school of $1,292.73. The estimated earnings of the school for the present year are $3,024, making the gross assets $4,316.73, which, deducted from the amount expended in alterations and improvements before stated, $8,721.33, leaves an indebtedness of $4,404.60.

The auditing committee have also presented a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the School Fund and of the Charitable Fund, including the E. Metcalf and other donations, which are as follows :

SCHOOL FUND, 5 MO., 1872.

Cr.	Balance on hand last year,	$17.06	
	Income of the fund,	6,974.70	
	Returned insurance premium,	236.59	$7,228.35
Dr.	Paid insurance premium,	$305.00	
	Paid A. K. Smiley per receipts,	6,904.97	
	Balance in hand 5 mo.,'1872,	18.38	$7,228.35

CHARITABLE FUND, &c.

Cr.	On hand last year, 5 mo., 1871,	$1,209.73	
	* Income from the fund,	2,309.52	$3,519.25
Dr.	Paid school bills, tuition of 27 scholars,	$2,700.00	
	Balance in hand 5 mo., 1872,	819.25	$3,519.25

Since their last report the committee have, as empowered by the Yearly Meeting, sold the lot of land cut off from the school premises

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* The income from these funds will not be likely to exceed $2,000 the ensuing year.

by the extension of Thayer street for $17,732.75, which amount was placed in the hands of Thomas Harkness, treasurer of the school fund.

On the receipt of the above named sum the committee felt authorized to proceed with the proposed addition to the west wing of the school building, and accordingly an addition is now in course of erection seventy-six feet long and forty-four wide, three stories high, the first floor of which is to be occupied for the boys' school-room, and the second and third floors as lodging rooms for the boys and their teachers. This arrangement will give the boys a commodious schoolroom more than twice the size of their present one, and will add materially to the comfort and welfare of pupils and teachers. The old schoolroom will be divided into class-rooms for recitations, which are much needed.

In the 4th month last the subcommittee appointed to have charge of the erection of the new building, was authorized to make the necessary contracts to complete the alterations and improvements contemplated in the west wing of the main building, in connection with the new one. The estimates now presented are as follows:

Estimated cost of new building,	$25,000.00
For steam heating apparatus, alterations in dining-rooms and class-rooms, new drains, and expense of introducing aqueduct water, &c.,	16,394.00
	$41,394.00
To meet this outlay there has been received for land sold,	$17,732.75
Claim on the city of Providence for land taken for Thayer st., say	6,000.00
	$23,732.75
Deficiency,	$17,661.25
Add balance of indebtedness before reported,	4,404.60
Leaving a balance unprovided for of	$22,065.85

This, it is thought, can be paid by the income from the school in a few years of ordinary success, as the net profit for the past five years has been over twenty-five thousand dollars.

It is proposed that the charge for board and tuition the ensuing school year of forty weeks, be the same as last year, viz.:

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	$100 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00
For all others that may be admitted,	300.00

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing. One half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

On behalf and by direction of the committee.

WM. C. TABER, Clerk.

NOTE. — The Autumn term begins 9 mo. 4, 1872, and closes 1 mo. 22, 1873.
The Winter recess begins 1 mo. 22, 1873, and closes 2 mo. 5, 1873.
The Spring term begins 2 mo. 5, 1873, and closes 6 mo. 25, 1873.

Regulations of the School Committee. — Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the first of eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds, or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits and literary attainments of the applicants.

All applications should be made to the principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans 1st. All our Meetings have been attended. on First day morning. by Friends generally. on the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week. they are much neglected by some. The hour is pretty well observed. clear of unbecoming behavior. except some instances of Sleeping.

Ans 2d.

Love and unity are maintained with little exception. and detraction guarded against. No difference has come to our knowledge.

Ans 10th. Friends are in good measure careful to deal with offenders as queried after. and to place judgments when necessary according to Discipline.

Signed Samuel Austin Clk
for the day

Eighth Month 1872.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8mo. 28. 1872.

The Representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Joseph D. Holmes and Gideon C. Smith. from Providence Thomas Chace and Edward Sutton who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Mtg report that they attended.

We have united with the Womens Mtg in accepting a Removal Certificate in favor of Elizabeth Smith. from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philad. for the Western District.

The Clerk is directed to sign a Removal Certificate. prepared in the Womens Meeting for Rebecca S. Mitchell. to Swansey Mo. Meeting. Thos. E. Steere Clerk

Ninth Month 1872.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 mo. 25. 1872.

The Representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting James Dennis and Jos. D. Holmes. from Providence Calvin Knowles and Thomas J. Battey. who are present.

We appoint Thomas Harkness James Dennis and Joseph H. Atwater a Committee to examine and settle the Treasurers account and to propose at our next meeting the names of Friends for Treasurer. Clerk. Assistant Clerk Auditors and Recorder. Our Preparative Meetings are requested to bring forward the names of Friends to serve as Overseers of Society. Overseers of the Poor Caretakers of Meetinghouses, Burying grounds and funerals. and Reporters of births and deaths to the Recorder.

Thomas E. Steere Clerk

Tenth Month 1872

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10 mo. 30. 1872.

The Representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting James Dennis and Ezra G. Robinson. from Providence Albert K. Smiley and Welcome Congdon. who are present.

The Queries have been read, with answers to the first. Second and tenth: from which we have adopted a summary. which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness. James Dennis and Thomas J. Battey whom we appoint Representatives.

The Committee appointed for that purpose made the following report:

"To the Monthly Meeting.
The Committee appointed to examine and settle

the Treasurers account. and propose the names
of Friends for Treasurer, Clerks. Recorder and
Auditors. — Report as follows: Balances in the hands
$2.017.95 of the Treasurer. Two thousand Seventeen dollars
and 95 cents. on the Monthly Meeting account,
1.968.75 of which Nineteen hundred Sixty eight dollars
and 75 cents. belongs to the fund. leaving a
49.20 balance of forty nine dollars and 20 cents for
expenses: also a balance of income on the
57.99 Deborah H. Jenckes fund of fifty seven dol-
lars and 99 cents. Balance of income on the
88.66 School fund eighty eight dollars and 66cts
and a balance due the Treasurer on the
17.91 Burying ground Fund of Seventeen dollars and
91 cents. We propose.

William A. Robinson for Treasurer.
Thomas E. Steere for Clerk.
Joseph H. Atwater for Assistant Clerk.
Samuel Austin for Recorder

Gideon C. Smith }
Thomas E. Steere } Auditors

Thomas Harkness }
James Dennis } for the Com.

Providence 10 mo. 25. 1872."

and the Friends
therein named are accordingly appointed to fill the offices designated for the ensuing year, or until an other appointment.

We appoint viz Thomas Harkness and Gideon C. Smith with whom the Treasurer may consult in relation to the investment of funds in his hands belonging to this Meeting.

The Committee to visit Wm. A. Robinson Jr. made the following report. viz;

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

The Committee to visit Wm. A. Robinson Jr. would inform that we have had an interview with him relative to the Subject of his communication to the Monthly Mtg: and we would propose that his request be granted. We may in justice add that he expressed his continued regard for Friends: and esteems it a privilege to have been educated among them.

Gideon C. Smith } Committee"
Providence 10 Mo. 28/72 Samuel Austin } which is accepted;
and with the concurrence of the Womens Meeting, we release him accordingly; and appoint Thomas E. Steere to inform him of our decision.

The London General Epistle for 1871 has been received and read. Its instructive contents are edifying and comforting.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans 1st. All our Meetings have been attended. On first day mornings by friends generally — in the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are much neglected by many. The hour nearly observed. Except some instances of sleeping, no unbecoming behavior noticed.

Ans. 2nd. Love and unity are in good degree maintained; and detraction guarded against. No difference has come to our knowledge.

Ans. 10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders in the manner directed after, but not always as seasonably as would be desirable; And judgment is placed when it appears necessary, in the authority of truth, according to discipline.

Thomas E. Steere Clerk

Eleventh Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11 mo. 27th. 1872.

The representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting James Dennis and Gideon C. Smith — from Providence Calvin Knowles and Samuel Austin who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

Thomas E. Steere reports that he has informed William A. Robinson Jr. of the decision of the Meeting in his case.

We unite with the Women's Meeting in accepting a removal Certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting in favor of Sarah J. Hanson, Wife of Robert B. Hanson.

We have received the following Minute from the Quarterly Meeting in regard to Stock. viz:

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 7th of 11th mo. 1872.

It is concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting, fifteen hundred dollars ($1500). Our Several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their Quotas to James Dennis, our Treasurer. The Quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is Six hundred and fifteen dollars ($615) forty one per cent.

On behalf of the Meeting
Gideon C. Smith Clerk."

We have concluded to raise for that purpose, and the use of this Meeting, eleven hundred dollars ($1100). and our Preparative Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of this Sum, and pay the Same to our Treasurer.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting makes the following Nominations Viz:

James Dennis
Gideon C. Smith } for Overseers of Society.

Gideon C. Smith
Job Mann } for Overseers of the Poor

James Dennis
Gideon C. Smith } Caretakers of Meeting house, premises and burying ground at Smithfield.

Joseph H. Holmes
Charles Metcalf } for Same Service at Cumberland.

Daniel Meader
Joseph L. Holmes } Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder

And Providence Preparative the following.

William A. Robinson	for Overseers of Society
Joseph Cartland	
Joseph H. Atwater	
Welcome Congdon	for Overseers of the Poor.
Geo. L. Collins	
Welcome Congdon	Caretakers of Meetinghouses, Burying Grounds & funerals.
Thomas Hartness	
Joseph Cartland	
Benj. Buffum	
Samuel Austin	
Geo James Adams	
Joseph H. Atwater	
Thomas Chace	Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder.
Robert Shove	

Which nominations are united with, and the friends therein named are appointed to the Services designated for the year ensuing, or until another appointment.

The joint, Committee to revise our list of membership and for other purposes, made the following report, viz:

"To the Monthly Meeting,

The Joint Committee for revising our list of members, and for other Service, Report, that we have given attention to the objects of our appointment. We would recommend that Certificates be issued in favor of Benjamin F. Randall, residing in the City of New York, Robert P. Hartness, in Cincinnatti O. & Marianna Stanton in Pomfret, Conn.; and that other cases under consideration, together with the letters received by the Committee, be referred to the Overseers. Several friends residing among us without Certificates propose to present them at an early day. The Committee may gratefully acknowledge that our correspondence with absent members on this account, while furnishing interesting information as to their local circumstances, and thus assisting us to judge of the expediency of issuing Certificates, - has given evidence of their cordial attachment to our religious Society and their continued interest in its welfare.

Signed Joseph Cartland
Hannah F. Peckham

Providence 11 mo. 26. 1872 — For the Committee"

Which is approved and accepted. and we appoint Saml Austin and Thomas O. Steere to prepare. if nothing appears to prevent. and present to our next Meeting. a Removal Certificate for Benj: F. Randall to New York Monthly Meeting. and also one for Robert P. Harkness to Cincinnatti Monthly Meeting Ohio.

Tho T. Steere Clerk

Twelfth Month 1872.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 mo. 25. 1872.

The Representatives from Smithfield Preparative Meeting are, James Estes and Joseph D. Holbys — from Providence Thomas Harkness and Joseph H. Atwater who are all present but one.

The Clerk is directed to sign and forward to New York Monthly Meeting the following Removal Certificate for Benjamin F. Randall. the Women's Meeting concurring therein. Viz:

"To New York Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends.

Benjamin F. Randall having some time since removed from our limits and now residing in the City of New York. requests our Certificate.

This may inform you that he is a member of this Meeting; and that, upon inquiry. nothing appears to obstruct our is-

suing this Certificate on his behalf.
& Commending him to your Christian care
we remain your friends".

The Clerk is also directed to sign and forward to Cincinnatti Monthly Meeting of Friends. the following Removal Certificate for Robert P. Harkness. our Women's Meeting uniting. viz.

"To Cincinnatti Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear friends,

Robert P. Harkness having some time since removed from our limits, and now residing in the city of Cincinnatti, requests our Certificate.

This may inform you that he is a member of this Meeting; and that, upon inquiry, nothing appears to obstruct the issuing of this certificate on his account.

We commend him to your Christian care, and remain your friends".

We unite with the Women's Meeting in sending to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting a Removal Certificate in favor of Mary Anna Stanton.

We unite with our Women Friends in liberating our beloved Friend Charlotte D. Holmes to attend in the love of the Gospel, Salem Quarterly Meeting. And the Clerk is authorized to sign on our behalf. a minute to this effect. prepared in the Women's Meeting.

We appoint Welcome Congdon James Dennis and Joseph Cartland a Committee to propose at our next Meeting the name of a Friend for Treasurer of this Meeting. in the place of our Friend Wm. A. Robinson deceased.

We have received the following note from the Chairman of a Committee of the General Assembly of Rhode Island, appointed to ascertain upon what terms these premises can be purchased for the use of the State, viz

State of Rhode Island, Senate Chamber
Providence Nov. 26th. 1872

Sir,

You are doubtless aware that at the May session of the General Assembly A.D. 1872 a committee was appointed, especially to ascertain whether the lot lying between the Court House lot and Meeting Street in the City of Providence could be obtained as a part of the site of a new Court House.

Can you and if so will you inform me whether that part of the above named tract, commonly called the "Friends Meeting House Estate," can be obtained (and if known to you, at what price) for a part of said site?

If you are unable yourself to give me the required information, will you please direct me to the proper persons capable of giving the information desired.

Your Obdt. Servt.
George H. Browne
For the Committee

Thomas Harkness.

The subject is referred to the Committee on Meeting Houses and Grounds, viz James Dennis Gideon C. Smith, Joseph L. Holmes Chas. Metcalf Welcome Congdon Thomas Harkness, Jos. Cartland Benj. Buffum Joseph H. Atwater Saml. Austin and Geo. James Adams.

They are requested carefully to consider the matter and report to our next Meeting.

First Month, 1873.

At Providence
Monthly Meeting of Friends held 29th of 1st Mo. 1873.

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Gideon C. Smith & Joseph L. Haines, from Providence Thomas J. Battey and Welcome Congdon who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

The Clerk being absent Gideon C. Smith was appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries have been read and answers ~~adopted~~ to the 1st 2d & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings.

We appoint our friends Joseph K. Atwater, Joseph Cartland & James Dennis representatives to attend our next Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed to propose the name of a Friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer in place of our late Dear Friend Wm. A. Robinson deceased, propose Thomas Harkness for that office; which is united with, and he is appointed our Treasurer to serve until another appointment, and Welcome Congdon and Albert K. Smiley are appointed to receive and transfer the accounts and funds from the Legal Representatives of our late Friend Wm. A. Robinson to our Treasurer.

We appoint Welcome Congdon, Joseph K. Atwater Benj. Buffum a Committee to extend the necessary care to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting & to report to our next Meeting.

The committee to consider the subject of disposing of this House and lot to the State made the following report, which is approved by this and our Womens Meeting, and Thomas Harkness and Benj. Buffum are appointed to represent this Meeting in any arrangement that may be required in the Case, and on the conditions set forth in the report of the Committee, — and which report is as follows, Viz —

To Providence Monthly Meeting;
The Committee appointed on a communication from a Committee of the General Assembly of the State requesting to know if the Meeting would sell their Meeting House lot in Providence and at what price to be added to the Court House lot for a new State House ~~lot~~ Site — Report, they have carefully considered the subject and although they might not recommend naming a price to sell at, for any ordinary use without fixing on a relocation satisfactory to the Meeting, but as it is wanted for an important improvement and public use, they are of the opinion it would be advisable to sell for that purpose, provided, One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Dollars can be obtained for the lot and improvements. — The price to remain open only during the present session of the State Legislature.

For the Committee
Welcome Congdon

Providence 1st Month 28th 1873.

Charlotte D. Holmes returned at this time the minute granted her for religious service 25th of 12th mo. 1872 with the information that by the help of the Lord she had been enabled to perform what she had in prospect to the peace of her mind.

She also presented a minute from Salem Quarterly Meeting of 1st Month 16th 1873, certifying that her company and religious services had been truly acceptable to them. All of which is satisfactory to us

Answers

1st All our meetings have been attended; those on First day morning by friends generally; those in the afternoon of that day, & midweek meetings for worship & discipline are much neglected by some: the hour nearly observed; unbecoming behavior avoided, except some instances of sleeping

2d Love and unity are in good degree maintained, & detraction guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

10th. We believe friends are careful to deal with offenders as queried after & that they endeavor to place judgments, when necessary, in the authority of truth & according to discipline.

Second Month 1873.

Monthly Meeting of Friends held At Providence 2nd Month 26th 1873

The Representatives are, from Smithfield Prep. Meeting Joseph L. Holmes and James Dennis from Providence Edwin Knowles & Danl. C. Mowry who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

Our beloved Friend Thomas E. Steere, late Clerk of this Meeting having peacefully departed this life on the 22nd Inst. the Assistant Clerk, Joseph C. Atwater is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

The Committee appointed to transfer the Books Papers and Funds ~~in the hands~~ of our late Treasurer Wm. A. Robinson to Thomas Harkness our present Treasurer, made the following report which is acceptable to us.

This Meeting authorizes ~~our~~ its Treasurer to invest as in his judgement may appear best the funds of the "Deborah H. Jenckes Fund" and of the "Burial Ground Fund Acct." and report to this Meeting

Report of Transfer Committee.

To Providence Monthly Meeting;

The Com- appointed to transfer to the present Treasurer the Books, papers and property from the late Treasurer, — report they have attended to that service, — and have received from the Executors of our late Friend & Treasurer Wm. A. Robinson and placed the same in the hands of Thomas Harkness Treasurer, — The Acct Book and sundry papers belonging to the Meeting, — and Eighty dollars & 95 cents in Cash, — a Book of the Providence Institution for Savings in which is deposited Three Hundred & Thirty Three Dollars & 33 cents being the Rachel Thayer Donation, — a Certificate of Forty Six Shares of Stock in the American National

Bank Providence on the Monthly Meeting account. Also eight hundred, Ninety four Dollars & 52 cts on the Deborah B. Jenckes fund acct. in Cash ($800.– of which is the fund.) and Five Hundred and four Dollars & 92 cents in Cash on the Burying Ground Fund account ($500.– of which is the fund). Also fifty one Dollars & 16 cents on the Charitable School Fund cash, and a Certificate of two Shares of Stock in the Providence National Bank, which is the fund.

For the Committee
Welcome Congdon

Providence 2nd Month 24th 1873.

The committee appointed at our last Monthly Meeting to make provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting made the following report viz

Providence 2d Mo 25th 1873.

To Providence Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed at the last Monthly Meeting to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting have attended to the same and the expense has been sixteen 58/100 dollars ($16 58/100)

for the committee, Welcome Congdon"

Which is acceptable to this Meeting and the Clerk is authorized to certify the same for payment by the Treasurer of this Meeting.

The Preparative Meetings report the payment of their respective proportions of Stock, being for Smithfield Prep. Meeting Two Hundred & Seventy five Dollars ($275) and for Providence Eight Hundred & Twenty two, to our Treasurer, who is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting the amount called for, from this Meeting.

We appoint Welcome Congdon, Benjamin Buffum and Thomas Harkness a Committee to propose to our next Meeting the Name of a Friend to serve this Meeting as Clerk.

Our Dear Friend Sarah H. Reynolds returned at this time a Minute granted her for religious service in the Seventh Month of 1871 with the information that she had been enabled to perform the service to the peace of her own mind, and produced a returning Minute from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th Month 27th 1871 expressing that her Company and religious services were truly acceptable to them; which is satisfactory to us.

Joseph H. Atwater
Clerk for the day.

Third Month, 1873.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d Month 26th 1873.

The representatives from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Joseph G. Holmes and Wilson C. Smith, & from Providence, Edwin Knowles and Thomas Chase are present except one.

The committee to nominate a clerk for this meeting propose Samuel Austin for that service; which being united with, he is appointed to said service until the usual time for the annual appointment of clerks.

Thomas Harkness, our Treasurer, to whom the subject was referred, presented the following report relative to the investment of certain funds belonging to this meeting, which is satisfactory viz.

"Providence 3d Mo. 26th 1873.

Agreeably to appointment, I have invested the Burying-Ground Fund and the Deborah H. Jenckes Fund as follows

The Burying-Ground fund in a bond of the County of Bristol State of Massachusetts for Five Hundred Dollars payable in 1897. interest at 6 per cent. semi annually; and

The Deborah H. Jenckes fund in a bond of the County of Bristol state of Massachusetts for five hundred dollars payable in 1897, interest at 6 per cent., semi annually, & Six Shares in the National Bank of North America. Providence, par value ($50.) Fifty Dollars per Share.

Thomas Harkness, Treas'r
to Providence Monthly Meeting."

We appoint James Dennis, Joseph H. Atwater & Samuel Austin a committee to present at our next meeting an alphabetical list of members and other items of information as required by Discipline (p. 55) to be forwarded to our Quarterly Meeting.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Fourth Month 1873.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo. 23d 1873.

The representatives from Smithfield Preparative Mtg, Joseph L. Holmes and James Dennis, & from Providence Welcome Congdon & William C. Hoppin are present.

The Queries have been read with answers from each of Preparative Meetings. From these we have adopted the following summary which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by James Dennis, Joseph L. Holmes and Thomas Hawkins whom we appoint to attend as representatives

We unite with the women in continuing as members of our society Mary W. Clapp (late Shove) and Elizabeth C. Mason (late Congdon).

The Committee appointed last month to present an alphabetical list of our members, with such other items as are required by the Discipline made a report which is accepted and ordered to be placed on file; and the clerk is directed to embrace its substance in our account to the Quarterly Meeting.

We have accepted, with the concurrence of the women's meeting the following removal certificate from Sandwich M. M. in favor of John H. Meader and his family, viz:

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, R.I.

John H. Meader and his wife Anna A. with their minor children Vienna, Benjamin S., Charles E., Stephen Oliver, Sarah Louisa and Elmira having removed within the limits of your meeting request our certificate.

This certifies that they are members of this meeting and have settled their pecuniary affairs to satisfaction as far as appears; and we commend them to your Christian care and oversight.

By direction and on behalf of Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends New Hampshire, held 20th of 2d mo. 1873.

Russell Gray
Abigail Beede } Clerks"

Russell Gray
Correspondent

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Summary Answers adopted 4th Mo. 23d 1873.

Ans. 1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held and duly attended at the hour appointed by most of our members on First day morning. Those in the afternoon of that day & in the middle of the week are much neglected by many. Except a few instances of sleeping, no unbecoming behavior noticed

Ans. 2d. Love and unity are in good degree maintained and detraction is guarded against. No differences has come to our knowledge.

Ans 3d We believe most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation & we trust endeavor by precept and example to train up those under their care, in accordance with our Christian profession

Ans. 4th The Holy Scriptures, we believe, are frequently read collectively in Friends families, & that they encourage those under their care in the daily perusal of them. We know of none who violate our testimony to a free gospel ministry

Ans. 5th Friends abstain from intoxicating drinks as a beverage. Nearly all are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, & endeavor to observe true moderation in all things

Ans. 6th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved; and, when necessary, they are assisted in obtaining employment. Care is taken to educate their children.

Ans. 7th. Friends are careful to maintain our testimony against bearing arms and other military matters, & against oaths and against defrauding the public revenue

Ans. 8th. Friends are careful to inspect their affairs & settle their accounts. They endeavor to be punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts, & to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9th. Careful as to records. Some removals without certificates; in respect to which care is taken.

Ans. 10th Care is taken to administer the Discipline in Christian tenderness and impartiality, but not always as timely as would be desirable. We trust judgement is placed, when it appears necessary in the authority of truth and [according to Discipline]

Fifth Month 1873.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th mo. 28th 1873.

The representatives - from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, Gideon C. Smith & Joseph L. Holmes, from Providence Thomas Chace & William Congdon - are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended

We unite with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Lurgan Monthly Meeting, Ireland, in favor of Eliza Henderson

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Sixth Month 1873

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo. 25th 1873.

The representatives from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, Gideon C. Smith and Ezra G. Robinson, from Providence, Edward Sutton and Samuel Austin, are present.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Seventh Month 1873

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo. 30th 1873.

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Gideon C. Smith & Joseph L. Holmes; from Providence Thomas Chace and Austin Knowles; who are present.

Our beloved friend Rufus P. King acceptably attended this meeting & presented certificates of unity with him as a minister and in his present religious engagement from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting & endorsed by Walnut Ridge Quarterly Meeting on the 9th & 11th mo. 1872.

Our beloved friend William Wetherald acceptably attended this meeting & presented a certificate of unity with him as a minister & in his present religious engagement from Pelham Monthly Meeting, Canada.

The clerk is directed to furnish these friends a copy of the minute above as respects each.

We unite with the women's meeting in receiving into membership Sarah Arrington of Cumberland.

Seventh Month 1873.

We appoint Samuel Austin and Gideon C. Smith to visit Edward L. Dennis on account of the following communication received from him through Providence Preparative Meeting

"Norfolk, Va: July 14th 1873.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Having been drawn to mingle in religious fellowship with another religious denomination, I request to be released from membership with the Society of Friends

Very respectfully
E. L. Dennis"

The Queries have been read with answers from each of our Preparative Meetings to the 1st 2d and 10th. Of these we have adopted the subjoined summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Thomas Hawkins, James Dennis and Joseph C. Atwater whom we appoint to attend as representatives.

We have at this time received and read the report of the Committee in charge of our Yearly Meeting Boarding School.

We have also received for the use of our members   copies of the London General Epistle for 1872 and our usual supply of copies of the Yearly Meeting Minutes and of the Women's Minutes of the present year.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader, a minister in unity, informed us that for some time past she had felt, and latterly with increasing weight, a concern to attend the approaching Quarterly Meetings of Dover, Fairfield & Vassalboro and of visiting & appointing a few meetings therein and in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. This meeting was introduced into tender sympathy with our dear friend on this account and she was encouraged to pursue her prospect as Truth may point the way. The clerk is directed to sign a minute to this effect & prepared in the women's meeting.

We appoint Gideon C. Smith & James Dennis a committee with whom our friend Elizabeth Meader may consult upon any subjects connected with her proposed visits.

Our beloved friend Charlotte D. Holmes, a minister in unity, opened in this meeting a concern to attend in the love of the gospe the approaching Quarterly Meetings of Smithfield, Salem, Dove and Sandwich, and a few meetings within their limits & in our own Quarterly Meeting - especially smaller ones. This meeting unites in the concern and leaves her to pursue it as Truth may open the way

Thomas Harkness and Samuel Austin are appointed a committee with whom C. D. Holmes may advise upon any subject connected with the accomplishment of her prospect.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Summary

Ans 1. All meetings for religious worship & discipline have been regularly held; those on First day mornings have been attended by Friends generally. In the afternoon of that day, in the middle of the week & for discipline they are much neglected. The hour nearly observed, & except some instances of sleeping, Friends are preserved from unbecoming behavior

2. Love and unity generally maintained. Detraction mostly guarded against. No differences that we know of

10. Endeavors are used to administer the discipline in accordance with the query, and to place judgement, when necessary, according to discipline.

Eighth Month 1873.

At Providence Monthl Meeting of Friends held 8th month 27th 1873.

The representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, Joseph E. Holmes & Gideon C. Smith; from Providence, Welcome Congdon & Thomas Chase; who are present.

Our beloved friends, Joel and Hannah E. Bean, in the course of a religious visit, attended this meeting and presented certificates of unity with them as ministers and in their present ~~religious~~ engagement from Springdale Monthly Meeting endorsed by Springdale Quarterly Meeting of Iowa 3. 1872. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish them a copy of of this minute.

Eighth Month 1873.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee in the case of Edward L. Dennis, son of James, presented the following report, viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

The committee to visit Edward L. Dennis on account of his communication to this meeting report

That we have had an interview with him which afforded opportunity for a full and friendly interchange of views on the subject.

We conclude that, under the circumstances of the case it will be best to grant his request

Providence 8mo. 26. 1873 . Gideon C. Smith
Samuel Austin

We have concluded with the concurrence of the women's meeting to release him from membership with our religious Society. Samuel Austin is appointed to inform him of this action of the meeting.

We have received the following Minute of the Representative Meeting, held at Newport 6mo. 13. 1873, relative to the expenses of Friends traveling in the ministry.

We appoint Joseph H. Atwater, Calvin Knowles & Gideon C. Smith a committee to unite with a committee of the women's meeting in proposing at our next meeting the names of Friends to serve as Overseers of Society and also the names of overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.

The same Friends are to present the names of a committee to have the care of Meeting-houses, Burial Grounds & Funerals & also the names of Reporters of births & deaths to the recorder.

We have received the following minute of the Yearly Meeting's committee on the concern for the improvement of the Indians

We appoint Benjamin Buffum to receive such contributions as Friends may make for this benevolent purpose: and Benjamin Buffum, Gideon C. Smith, Edward Sutton, Calvin Knowles and Samuel Austin are desired to cooperate with a committee of the women's meeting in promoting the work contemplated & to report

At a meeting of the Committee of the Yearly Meeting on the concern for the improvement of the Indians in the West, held at Lynn 8mo. 20. 1873

It appeared desirable that contributions of articles of

At a Representative Meeting for New England, held at Newport, 6th Mo. 13th, 1873, the Committee appointed in relation to the expenses of Friends traveling in the Ministry, made the following report, viz: —

To New England Representative Meeting of Friends:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of expenses of Friends traveling in the Ministry among us from other Yearly Meetings, report,—

That it is the duty of the Church to encourage and promote the spread of the Gospel, and of all the members thereof to contribute to this blessed purpose according to their ability.

We would suggest that it shall be the duty of the Overseers of each Monthly Meeting to see that all Ministers from other Yearly Meetings, duly accredited and engaged in the prosecution of Gospel service within their limits, be provided with suitable company, if any is needed, and the means of transit from place to place. If any Monthly Meeting is unable to pay all such expenses, they may call upon a Standing Committee of their Quarterly Meeting, appointed for such special purpose, who may reimburse the same, or such part thereof as they may think the case requires.

If the burden is at any time too great for the Quarterly Meeting, they may call upon the Representative Meeting, and that meeting shall consider all such calls, and render assistance whenever in the judgment of that meeting the circumstances justify it.

The Committee recommend also, that whenever a Minister is liberated to travel in the ministry by any of our Monthly Meetings, the Overseers of the meeting shall call upon him and confer with him about the arrangements for the journey, and to see that he is provided with suitable company, if any is needed, and with sufficient means to complete the journey, if the Friend needs assistance.

If any Monthly Meeting, at any time, is unable to bear all such expense, it may call upon the Quarterly Meeting's Committee; and the Quarterly Meeting, if unable, may call upon the Representative Meeting, precisely as provided in the case of ministers from other Yearly Meetings, in this report.

On behalf of the Committee.

EDW. W. HOWLAND,
CHAS. F. COFFIN.

Newport, 6th Mo. 13th, 1873.

Which was satisfactory to the meeting, and being subsequently approved by the Yearly Meeting, the Clerk of this meeting was directed to cause a sufficient number of copies to be printed to supply our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the meeting.

WM. O. NEWHALL, Clerk.

Lynn, 7th Mo. 28th, 1873.

clothing and materials be made for the encouragement of Mission Schools and that the sum of $250 would be required to procure these articles and the means of transportation.

A committee of two of our number in each Quarterly Meeting was appointed to solicit the contributions of Friends in money for this object and pay the same to our Treasurer on or before the 10th of 9th Month next.

Joseph Cartland and Sarah F. Tobey were the committee appointed for Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting; and the quota for this Quarterly Meeting is $

On behalf of the Committee
Henry T. Wood, Clerk."
Saml Austin Clerk

Ninth Month 1873

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo. 24th 1873.

The representatives from Smithfield Preparative Meeting are Gideon C. Smith and Joseph L. Holmes, from Providence Albert K. Smiley and Joseph Cartland; who are present except two for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

Samuel Austin reported that he had forwarded to Edward L. Dennis information of the action of this meeting in his case.

The committee appointed at our last meeting made report as follows; which, with the concurrence of the women's meeting is approved and the friends therein named are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year or until another appointment viz. "The joint committee of men and women friends to nominate Overseers of Society & overseers of the Poor in Providence Monthly Meeting report as follows;
For Overseers of Society, Smithfield, Eunice Metcalf, Mary A. Smith, Gideon C. Smith & Louisa N. Mowry.
Providence, Joseph Cartland, James Dennis, Joseph H. Atwater, Hannah F. Perkins, Ellen L. Congdon & Lucy M. Chace;
For Overseers of the Poor, Smithfield, Gideon C. Smith, Charles Metcalf and Mary Metcalf; Providence, Welcome Congdon, Robert Lane and Calvin Dennis. Ellen K. Buffum & Laura S. Collins
Signed on behalf of the committee by
Joseph H. Atwater
Mary A. Smith.

Our committee for that purpose propose the Friends named as follows for the services designated, viz. For caretakers of Meeting houses, Funerals, Burial grounds &c. at Smithfield, Gideon C. Smith, Wm. Meader and Daniel Meader;

at Cumberland, Joseph L. Holmes & Charles Metcalf: at Providence and Scituate,

Welcome Congdon
Thomas Harkness
Joseph Cartland
Benjamin Buffum
Samuel Austin
George James Adams
Joseph H. Atwater

For Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder, Smithfield, Danl Meader & Joseph L. Holmes for Providence Thomas Chase & Robert Steere: These nominations are approved & said Friends are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year or till another appointment.

Joseph Cartland, Benjamin Buffum, Jos. H. Atwater and Gideon C. Smith are appointed a committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's acct. & propose, at our next meeting, the name of a Friend for Treasurer, also of Friends to serve as clerk, assistant clerk, auditors and Recorder.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Tenth Month, 1873.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th Mo. 29th 1873.

By accounts from the Preparative Meetings, it appears that the representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Ezra Robinson and Gideon C. Smith; from Providence, Calvin Knowles and Thomas J. Battey, who are present.

The committee appointed last month to examine and settle the treasurer's account, and for other purposes not being prepared to report are continued, to report at our next meeting.

The Queries have been read with answers to the first, second & tenth from each of our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the subjoined summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our

Joseph M. Atwater, Benjamin Buffum and Gideon C. Smith whom we appoint to attend, as representatives.

Benjamin Buffum on behalf of a committee appointed two months since, reports that the amount due from us for the use of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on the concern for the improvement of the Indians in the west, has been collected and forwarded

Summary Answers

1st. All meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held and are pretty full attended on First-day morning by our members; on the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are much neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. Except some instances of sleeping, no unbecoming behavior noticed

2d. Love and unity not so fully maintained by all as would be desirable; and detraction is guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

10th. Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially, and place judgement, when necessary, in accordance with the Query

Samuel Austin
Clerk

Eleventh Month 1873.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 20th of 11th mo. 1873.

The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Ezra G. Robinson & Gideon C. Smith; from Providence Thomas Chase & Thomas J. Battey; who are present

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes made the following report, which is accepted; and the friends therein named are appointed to the services designated for the ensuing year or until another appointment: viz.

To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed to bring forward names for various services in the meeting the ensuing year, and to examine the Treasurer's account, report they have attended to their duty

11th Month 1873.

and would propose

Samuel Austin	for Clerk
Thomas J. Battey	" Assistant clerk
Gideon C. Smith,	Auditor
Samuel Austin,	Recorder
Thomas Harkness,	Treasurer.

Upon examining the accounts we find

General Account, balance in hands of Treasurer	$97.85
Burying-Ground fund, " " "	$49.92
Charitable School Fund, " "	$31.16
Deborah H. Jencks Fund, balance due "	$4.36

For the Committee

Joseph Cartland "

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one who informs that circumstances prevented his attendance.

We are informed that Albert A. Paine desires a removal certificate to Spring Creek Monthly Meeting, Iowa. We appoint Gideon C. Smith and Joseph H. Atwater to make the necessary inquiry, and if nothing obstruct present one to our next meeting

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Twelfth Month 1873.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo. 24th. 1873.

By accounts from the Preparative Meetings it appears that the Representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield, Ezra Robinson & Gideon C. Smith; from Providence, Benjamin Knowles and Robert Steere who are present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

We have accepted the following certificate from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in favor of Charles Smith the Women's meeting concurring, viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

Charles Smith, having removed to reside within your limits, has requested our certificate. This may certify that he is a member of our religious Society. His outward affairs are settled to satisfaction so far as appears. We recommend him to your Christian care and Sympathy

Signed in & on behalf of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 11th Mo. 26th 1873.
George N. Francis
Correspondent
Charles Fisher
Maria B. Smith) Clerks

We have accepted the following certificate from Weare Monthly Meeting in favor of Albert Nichols, with the concurrence of the women's meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear friends

Albert Nichols having removed within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate. This is to inform you that he is a member of this meeting and, as far as appears, has settled his pecuniary affairs; we recommend him to your Christian care and are your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of Weare Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th Mo. 14th 1873.
Abijah Johnson
Correspondent
Lindley M. Osborne
Abigail M. Osborne) Clerks

We have received the following minute from the Quarterly Meeting relative to Stock, viz:

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo. 6. 1873.

It is concluded to raise for the use of this meeting Twelve hundred & fifty (1250$) dollars. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of this sum to James Dennis our Treasurer
Samuel Austin, Clerk

N.B. The proportion of Providence Monthly Meeting is $512 50/100 - 41 per cent"

We conclude to raise for this purpose and the use of our Monthly Meeting the sum of $1200; and our Preparative Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of this sum to Thomas Hartness, our Treasurer.

The Committee to prepare a certificate in the case of Albert A. Paine are continued, to report at our next meeting

Samuel Austin
Clerk

First Month 1874.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Month 29th 1874.

The representatives from Providence Preparative Meeting are Welcome Congdon and Joseph Cartland. No account is received from Smithfield Preparative Meeting

The Queries have been read and we have adopted the following answers to the 1st 2d & tenth which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Gideon A. Smith, James Dennis and Benjamin Buffum whom we have appointed to attend as representatives

The committee to prepare an essay of a removal certificate in favor of Albert A. Paine presented the following which, with the concurrence of the women's meeting, is adopted & directed to be signed & forwarded viz.

To Springcreek Monthly Meeting of Friends, Iowa

Dear Friends

Albert A. Paine having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting, requests our certificate. This may inform you that he is a member of our religious Society and has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears. We commend him to your Christian care and are your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting held at Providence R.I. 29th of 1st Month 1874

Samuel Austin } Clerks
Gertrude W. Cartland }

Thomas Hathaway's Correspondent.

We appoint Thomas J. Battey, Benjamin Buffum & Welcome Congdon a committee to make the needful provision for the accommodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting & report next month

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the minute granted her in the 7th Month last with the information that she had been enabled to accomplish the service she then had in prospect, to the relief and peace of her mind. She also presented copies of minutes from Berwick & Vassalboro Monthly Meetings & Dover, Fairfield & Vassalboro Quarterly Meetings informing that her company & religious services had been acceptable to them; which is satisfactory to us.

Our beloved friend Sarah K. Reynolds informed us of a concern which she has some time felt to attend, in the love of the gospel some meetings within the limits of Salem, Sandwich & Smithfield Quarterly Meetings and to perform some other service, as way opens for it by the appointment of meetings or otherwise, which being united with by the meeting our clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, a minute of this import prepared in the women's meeting

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Answers

1st. All our meetings for religious worships and discipline - as far as we are officially informed - have been regularly held. On First-day morning by Friends generally; in the afternoon and in the middle of the week they are much neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed.

2d. We believe love and unity are generally maintained and detraction guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

10th. Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially; and judgment is placed, when necessary, according to discipline

Second Month 1874

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2d mo. 25th 1874

By accounts from the Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Joseph L. Holmes & Ezra G. Robinson, from Providence Wm. G. Coffin & Gilbert A. Smith who are present except one.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The Committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported attention to the subject and that the expense incurred was $27.80. Which is accepted & the clerk is directed to certify their account

We are informed that N. Henry Wilbur for some time residing within the limits of New Bedford Monthly Meeting requests our certificate

We appoint Gideon C. Smith & Samuel Austin to make the proper inquiry, & if nothing prevent, to present one at on next meeting. We have received with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting the following removal certificate in favor of Daniel E. Nichols

To Providence Monthly Meeting R.I.

Dear friends

Daniel E. Nichols, a member of this meeting now resides within your limits, and having settled his outward affairs, as far as appears, we deem it right to issue this certificate in his favor & therefore recommend him to your Christian care and oversight, and are your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of Weare Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2d mo. 5th 1874

Lindley H. Osborne }
Elijah Jones, correspondent. Abigail H. Osborne } clerks

We have also accepted the following in favor of John R. Cary

Pautuxent Monthly Meeting of Friends held 14th of 2d mo. 1874.
To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends (Rhode Island)
Dear Friends

John R. Cary, a member of this meeting, having removed for a time to within the limits of your meeting, his mother has requested of us a sojourning certificate on his behalf. We therefore commend him to your Christian care & sympathy he being a member in good esteem amongst us, & remain your friends

Signed by direction & on behalf of said meeting Thomas Wetherald clerk. Correspondent Thomas Wetherald, Bryantown Charles Co. Maryland.

The London General Epistle for 1872 has been read in this meeting; we trust it may prove for our edification.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Third Month 1874

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d mo. 25th 1874. By accounts from the Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives named to attend this meeting are from Smithfield Joseph D. Haines & Ezra G. Robinson; from Providence Robert Shove and Thomas Hartness who are present.

The committee for that purpose presented the following copy of a removal certificate in favor of N. Harvey Wilbur which with the concurrence of the womens meeting, is

Third Month 1874

adopted and directed to be forwarded.

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

S. Henry Wilbur having removed to reside within your limits requests our certificate

This may inform you that he is a member of our religious society and that upon inquiry nothing appears to obstruct the granting of a certificate in his favor.

We therefore recommend him to your Christian care and are your friends. Signed &c.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting reports that they have forwarded [illegible] three hundred dollars to our treasurer, who informs us that he has also received nine hundred dollars from Providence Preparative Meeting. Our treasurer is directed to pay to the Quarterly Meeting treasurer our proportion of quarterly meeting stock

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Fourth Month 1874

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Month 29. 1874

By accounts from the Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to attend this meeting are from Smithfield Ezra G. Robinson & Gideon A. Smith; from Providence, William Congdon & Calvin Knowles, who are present

The Queries have been read with answers from each of our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the following Summary which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Hartomp, Gideon C. Smith and Thomas J. Battey whom we appoint to attend as representatives.

We appoint Joseph H. Atwater & Samuel Austin a committee to present at our next meeting an alphabetical list of our members and other items of information as required by Discipline (p. 88.): and they are requested to furnish the clerk with the same to be embodied in our account to the Quarterly Meeting

On receipt of the following communication, we appoint Thomas Hoarkroys & Joseph Cartland a committee to visit Enoch R. Birch on the account and report to this meeting

Fourth Month 1874.

Lonsdale, 4th Mo. 1874

Dearly respected friend

I have often felt it my duty to request to become a member of the religious society of Friends And I honestly believe it to be my duty at the present time to make the request. I have not only been convinced of the religious and moral truths of the Society but have for some time been convinced to them And rejoice to knowing that my Redeemer liveth By laying this before the Monthly Meeting if thee thinks the time proper convenient thou wilt oblige thy affectionate young friend

Enoch Roscoe Buck

To Gideon C Smith for the Monthly Meeting

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Summary Answers

1st All our meetings for worship & discipline, since our last report, have been regularly held except one for worship & one Preparative Meeting. On firstday morning they are attended by friends generally; in the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are much neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed.

2d Love & unity are generally maintained & detraction guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans. 3d. We believe that most of our members are endeavoring to maintain a religious life & conversation, & to encourage the same in their children & others

Ans. 4. We believe friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, & encourage their children & others under their care in the daily practice of this religious duty; & maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

Ans. 5. We know of no instance among us of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Amusements & diversions inconsistent with a Christian character are mostly avoided and a good degree of moderation in all things is observed.

Ans. 6. The circumstances of the poor are attended to & their necessities relieved. They are assisted, when necessary in regard to employment. Care is taken to educate their children.

Ans. 7. We believe our testimony is maintained in the several particulars of this query.

Ans. 8th Friends frequently inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; generally punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts & careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans. 9. Recording is attended to, and care is taken respecting certificates

Ans. 10th Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, kindly & impartially; and judgment, when necessary, is placed according to discipline

Fifth Month 1874.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Mo. 27th 1874.

The representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Joseph L. Holmes and Ezra G. Robinson, from Providence Benjamin Knowles and James Dennis, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

The committee to report a list of members, presented the following, which is accepted, viz:

To the Monthly Meeting

The committee to report a list of our members, inform that they have given attention to the subject & present the following statement, viz: The number of members last year was 266.

Additions this year, by removal Eliza Henderson,
Charles Smith, Albert Nichols, Daniel E. Nichols } 6
John R. Cary; and one by birth, John H. Congdon Jr.,
272

Removals out, Albert A. Paine & A. Henry Miller 2.)
Released from membership, Edward L. Dennis 1 } 5.
Deaths, Alfred Greene, Edward A. Batty 2)

Present No. of members 267

The above changes have been entered by the recorder upon our books & the requisite information from the Monthly Meeting to the Quarterly Meeting was duly forwarded, as ordered,

Providence 5 mo. 26. 1874

Samuel Austin
Joseph H. Atwater } Committee

Our beloved friend Charlotte L. Holmes returned at this time the minute granted her in the 7th Mo. last with the information that she had attended to a portion of the service which she then had in view, and that, as far as way had opened, having done what she could, she trusted her labors had met the Divine approval. She also produced copies of minutes from Smithfield Lower Monthly and Smithfield, Salem, Dover and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings informing that she had attended those meetings & that her company and religious services had been acceptable to them.

The Committee to visit Enoch R. Birch presented the following report which is accepted and with the concurrence of the women's meeting he is, accordingly, received as a member of our religious Society. Gideon C. Smith is appointed to inform him of the action of the meeting in the case viz.

To the Monthly Meeting

The committee to whom was referred the application of Enoch R. Birch report, that they have given attention to their appointment and believe that he is convinced of the principles of the Society of Friends and sincere in his request. They would therefore recommend that he be received into membership with us

Providence 5mo. 26. 1874

Joseph Cartland } committee
Thomas Harkness }

The Committee having the care of the meeting house at Smithfield are hereby authorized to expend fifty dollars in repairs upon that property

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Sixth Month 1874

At Providence

Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo. 24th 1874

By certificates from our Preparative Meetings, it appears that the representatives for Smithfield are Gideon C. Smith and Joseph L. Holmes; for Providence, Robert Shaw & Joseph H. Atwater, who are present.

Gideon C. Smith reports that he has informed Enoch R. Birch of the action of this meeting in his case.

Our beloved friend Rebecca Clawson attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from White Lick Monthly Meeting endorsed by White Lick Quarterly Meeting of 3mo. 9th 1874 expressing unity with her as a minister, & in her present religious engagement. Her company & religious services have been acceptable to us & the clerk is directed to sign a minute of this import prepared in the Womens meeting.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth H. Burgess accompanying Rebecca Clawson attended this meeting & presented a minute from Indianapolis Monthly Meeting of 5mo. 3d 1874 expreſsing unity with her as an Elder and in her present engagement. Her company has been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to sign a minute to this effect on her account

Samuel Austin clerk

Seventh Month 1874

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th Month 29th 1874.

By accounts at this time received it appears that friends have been named, as follows to attend this meeting as representatives, viz: from
Smithfield Preparative Meeting Daniel Meader & Gideon C. Smith
from Providence " " Calvin Knowles & Thomas J. Battey
who are present.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st. 2d and 10th. from each preparative meeting. We have adopted the following Summary answers which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness, Gideon C. Smith and Joseph H. Atwater whom we appoint to attend said meeting as representatives.

We have directed the following certificate to be forwarded, in favor of Benjamin F. Randall - the women's meeting concurring, viz:

To Swansea Monthly Meeting of Friends,
Dear friends,

Benjamin F. Randall having requested a removal certificate to New York Monthly Meeting, but subsequently removed to reside in Fall River, this may inform you that he is a member of this meeting and that, upon inquiry, nothing appears to obstruct our iſsuing a certificate on his account. Commending him to your Christian care & oversight we remain your friends

Signed by direction & on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7mo. 29th 1874

With the concurrence of the women's meeting, we have accepted the following removal certificate in favor of George Warren Nichols viz: To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends -

Seventh Month 1874.

Dear friends

George Warren Nichols having removed within your limits we hereby certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting and that his outward affairs appear to be satisfactorily settled. We commend him to your Christian care. Signed by direction & on behalf of Weare Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Henniker

6th Mo. 4. 1874

Lindley H. Osborne } Clerks
Abigail H. Osborne }

Abijah Johnson }
Correspondent }

We have received and read the report of the Yearly Meeting Boarding school committee, as follows

We have also received 312 copies of the London General Epistle for 1874, and 118 copies of the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting for distribution.

With the concurrence of the Women's Meeting we have accepted the following removal certificate in favor of Valentine E. Meader, viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Valentine E. Meader having removed to reside within your limits requests our certificate. This is to certify that he is a member of this meeting, and that his temporal affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears

Signed by direction of Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Rochester 5th Mo. 27th. 1874.

Thomas E. Roberts } clerks
Anna M. Evans }

J. W. Purinton }
correspondent }

We appoint Joseph H. Atwater & Saml Austin to unite in committee with such as the women's meeting may appoint in preparing a removal certificate for Mary H. Sutton, and four of her children.

Samuel Austin, clerk

(Summary)

Ans. 1st. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been regularly held. In the morning they are duly attended by most friends; in the afternoon and in the middle of the week, they are neglected by many. The hour is observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed, a few instances of sleeping excepted.

Ans. 2d. Love and unity in good degree maintained, detraction mostly guarded against. No differences that require attention.

Ans. 10th. Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially, and judgement is placed, when necessary, according to discipline

Eighth Month 1874.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends 8th Mo. 26th 1874.

By accounts received from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the Representatives to attend this meeting are for Smithfield Joseph L. Holmes & Ezra G. Robinson; for Providence William G. Coffin and Robert Shove; who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee appointed last month presented the following essay of a removal certificate, viz: which is adopted, in concurrence with the Women's Meeting, and the clerk is directed to sign the same for the meeting & forward it - Mary H. Sutton having decided to include in her request three children instead of four, - as proposed last month.

"To Milford (Ind.) Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

Mary H. Sutton having removed with three of her children John G., Mary W. and Sarah Hanna to reside within your limits requests our certificate.

This may inform you that they are members of this meeting & that, upon inquiry made, no obstruction appears to issuing a certificate on their account.

We commend them to your Christian care and oversight and are your friends."

We appoint Thomas Harkness Robert Shove, Thomas J. Battey & Joseph L. Holmes to unite in committee with such as the Women's meeting may name, to present, at our next meeting, the names of friends to serve as Overseers of Society and Overseers of the Poor. The same friends are requested to propose the names of Caretakers of Meeting houses, Funeral, & Burial Grounds; & also of Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Ninth Month 1874

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9mo. 23d 1874.

By accounts received from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to attend this meeting are for Smithfield Daniel Meader & Joseph L. Holmes for Providence Edward Sutton & Thomas Harkness, who are present.

The committee appointed last month to propose the names of friends for sundry services are continued, to report at our next meeting.

We appoint James Dennis, Calvin Knowles and Daniel Meader a committee to examine & settle the Treasurer's account & to propose the name of a friend for treasurer; also of friends to serve as clerk, assistant clerk, auditors & recorder

The reading of the London General Epistle for 1874, in this meeting has afforded us comfort & encouragement.

Our beloved friend Huldah M. Beede returned at this time the minute granted her in the 5th mo. 1872, with the acknowledgement, that, through Divine favor, she had been enabled to attend to most of the religious service which had presented; & she believed she could say that, in the retrospect, sweet peace attends.

She also presented copies of minutes from Westlake Four months meeting held at Bloomfield Ontario Province of 6th mo. 22d 1872, Canada Yearly Meeting, Adrian & Rollin Monthly Meetings & Adrian Quarterly Meeting of 9mo. 1872, Western & Indiana Yearly Meetings for 1872, Oskaloosa Quarterly & Iowa & Kansas Yearly Meetings for 1872; and of [illegible] Plain Monthly Meeting 1st mo. 1874, [illegible] Monthly Meeting 3d mo., Winneshiek Quarterly Meeting of 4th mo., Minneapolis & Union Monthly Meetings of 5th month & Bloomington Monthly Meeting 6th mo. 74, Iowa, certifying that she had acceptably attended those meetings; which is satisfactory to this meeting

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Tenth Month 1874

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th Mo. 28th 1874.

By accounts received from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to attend this meeting are from Smithfield, Ezra G. Robinson & Joseph L. Holmes from

Providence, Thomas Harkness, and Calvin Knowles, who are present.

Our beloved friend Daniel Fry in the course of a religious visit attended this meeting and presented a copy of a minute of Bloomington Monthly Meeting, Iowa of 1st mo. 31. 1874, endorsed by Springdale Quarterly Meeting certifying their unity with him as a minister & in his present engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us, & the clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the subjoined summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Daniel Meader, Thomas Harkness, & Joseph Cartland whom we appoint to attend as representatives.

With the concurrence of the Women's meeting we have accepted the following removal certificate in favor of Robert B. Hanson, viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

Robert B. Hanson having removed within your limits requests our certificate.

This may inform that he is a member of this meeting and his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears.

We recommend him to your Christian care and are your friends

Signed by direction of Falmouth Monthly Meeting held at Deering 9th Mo. 17th. 1874

George Douglas }
Mary C. Hawkes } Clerks

George Douglas
Correspondent

The committee authorized to make repairs at the Smithfield Meeting house, report that they have done what seemed requisite in the case and have incurred an expense of eighty two dollars; their action is approved & the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the above amount.

We unite with the Women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Swansea Monthly Meeting in favor of Fanny R. Aldrich; also in issuing a removal certificate to Hopkinton Monthly Meeting in favor of Eliza Henderson

Tenth Month 1874.

We have received the following report. The nominations are approved, & with the addition of Thomas Harkness as one of the committee to have charge of Meeting houses, Funerals & Burial Grounds at Providence & Scituate - the friends named are appointed to the services designated below for the ensuing year or until another appointment. viz:

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

The committee to propose the names of friends for caretakers of Meeting Houses, Funerals & Burial Grounds, also of Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder, Report

For Caretakers at Smithfield, Gideon C. Smith, Daniel Meader & John H. Meader

For the same service at Cumberland Charles Metcalf and Joseph L. Holmes. and for like service at Providence and Scituate, Joseph Cartland Samuel Austin, Benjamin Buffum, George James Adams Joseph H. Metcalf, James Dennis, Peter Shove Calvin Knowles.

Reporters of births & deaths to the Recorder, Daniel Meader, Joseph L. Holmes, Calvin Knowles & Thomas J. Battey.

9 mo. 23d 1874 Thomas Harkness } for the committee
Robert Shove }

The Committee appointed last month made report, as follows, viz: which is accepted and the friends therein named, are accordingly appointed to serve the meeting as proposed for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed to propose the names of friends for clerk, assistant clerk, Recorder, Treasurer & Auditors, and to examine & settle the Treasurer's account, Report as follows

Samuel Austin	for Clerk
Thomas J. Battey	" assistant clerk
Thomas Harkness	" Treasurer
Gideon C. Smith	Auditors
Robert Shove	
Samuel Austin	Recorder

We have examined & settled the Treasurer's accounts & find balances in his hands as follows; viz:

On the regular Monthly Meeting account	$	411.98
on the Deborah H. Jenckes Fund	"	33.74
on the School Fund	"	61.16
on the Burial Ground Fund	"	35.67

Providence 10 mo. 22d 1874. For the committee
James Dennis
Calvin Knowles "

The minute of our last Yearly Meeting relative to Temperance coming under consideration, we appoint Joseph H. Atwater Joseph L. Holmes, John H. Meader, Thomas J. Battey and Enoch R. Birch to unite in committee with such as the Women's meeting may name in laboring to carry out the concern of the Yearly Meeting upon this important subject.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Answers

1. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been regularly held, in the morning they are duly attended by most Friends; in the afternoon and in the middle of the week they are more neglected by many. The hour is observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed.
2. Love and unity are generally maintained & detraction guarded against. No differences to claim our attention
10. Endeavors are used to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially, and to place judgement according to discipline

Eleventh Month 1874

At Providence
Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo. [illegible] 1874.

The representatives named in the accounts received from our Preparative Meetings are, for Smithfield, Daniel Meader and Joseph L. Holmes; for Providence, Joseph Cartland and James Dennis who are present

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting the following minute relative to Stock viz.

" At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11th mo. 5th 1874.

It is concluded to raise for the use of this meeting eleven hundred dollars (1100$); and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of this sum to James Dennis our Treasurer

from the minutes

P.S. Samuel Austin, Cl.

The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is 41 per cent. It is concluded to raise on this account & for the use of this Meeting, the sum of eight hundred dollars; and our Preparative Meetings are requested to raise & forward this amount to our Treasurer.

We have accepted the following Report from the committee appointed in the eighth month last, viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to present the names of Friends for Overseers of Society, & Overseers of the Poor report as follows, For Overseers of Society, Gideon C. Smith, Eunice Metcalf, Mary A. Smith, Joseph Cartland, James Dennis, Hannah F. Peckham, Anna S. Dennis.

For Overseers of the Poor, Gideon C. Smith, Charles Metcalf, Mary Metcalf, Robert Stone, Calvin Knowles, Ellen K. Buffum, Laura S. Collins

Thomas [illegible] } for the
9th Mo. 23d 1874 Dorcas B. Robinson } committee

The nomination is approved and the friends named are accordingly appointed to the services designated for the ensuing year & until another appointment.

Samuel Austin
Clerk

Twelfth Month 1874

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 30th of 12th mo. 1874

The representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield Preparative Meeting [illegible] & [illegible] Rogers; from Providence James Dennis & Calvin Knowles; who are present except one.

On receipt of the following circular from the Representative Meeting, we appointed Joseph Cartland

James Ferris & Albert K. Smiley to receive & forward such contributions as may be obtained for the purpose referred to, viz:

"At a special Representative meeting held at Syracuse, 12th month 1st 1874

The attention of this meeting being called to an 'Appeal for Aid' [illegible] the Executive Committee of the [illegible] of Kansas Yearly Meeting, in behalf of the destitute & suffering within the limits of that Yearly Meeting in consequence of the failure & destruction of their crops, it is concluded that a minute should be sent down to all Monthly Meetings, recommending that contributions of money or clothing be made in such manner as they may think proper; and in view of their pressing needs it is hoped that early attention will be given to the subject.

Wm O. Newhall, clerk

P.S. Remittances by Draft or Money Order may be sent to Washington Heath, Treas. Lawrence, Kansas. Shipments of goods to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Committee [illegible]"

Our beloved friend Sarah W. Farr attended this meeting & presented a copy of a minute from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting of 5th mo. 23d 1874 expressing unity with her ministry & her present engagement; her company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Noah Farr an elder accompanying his wife Sarah W. Farr is also acceptable with us, & presented a minute from Litchfield Monthly Meeting of 2nd Mo. 74 certifying the unity of Friends with him in this engagement.

The clerk is directed to furnish our friends with copies of these minutes.

We are informed that [illegible] Palmer, resident within the limits of New York Monthly Meeting of Friends, requests a removal certificate to that meeting. We appoint Samuel Austin & Joseph Cartland to make the necessary inquiry and if no obstruction appears produce an essay of a certificate to our next meeting.

Joseph H. Holmes having applied for a removal certificate for himself & wife with their Hattie Louise, Mabel Day, Josephine Elizabeth & Alice Wescott,

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minor children to Smithfield Monthly Meeting we appoint Thomas Harkness, Thomas J. Battey and James Davis to unite in committee with women friends make the necessary inquiry & report to our next meeting

Samuel Austin, Clerk

First Month 1875

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 27th of 1st Mo. 1875.

By accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the Representatives to this are, for Smithfield Ezra G. Robinson & Daniel Meader; for Providence Edward Sutton and Calvin Knowles; who are present.

The queries have been read with answers adopted for the 1st 2d and 10th - though no answers are received from Smithfield Preparative Meeting; which are forwarded for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Cartland, Robert [illegible] & Joseph A. [illegible] who are appointed to attend as representatives

The clerk is directed to sign & forward to Smithfield Monthly Meeting the following certificate of removal concerning viz.

"Dear Friends

Joseph L. and Charlotte L. Holmes with their minor children Hattie Louise, Mabel Cora, Josephine Elizabeth and Alice Hubbard having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting requested our certificate, which nothing appearing to prevent they being members of this meeting and Charlotte L. Holmes in the station of a minister; we recommend them to your Christian care. We are your friends" Providence Mo. Mtg. of 1/1/75

To Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends.—

The committee appointed last month reported the following essay of a certificate in favor of Cliff Palmgren which is approved with the unit of the women's meeting, and directed to be forwarded.

To New York Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Cliff Palmgren having removed to reside at Brooklyn, requests our certificate to your meeting. This therefore is to inform you that he is a member of our religious Society, and, that as far as appears there is nothing to obstruct the granting of this certificate on his behalf.

N. Y. M. Mtg acknowledge rec'd of certif^s for these 3, 1st 4mo. 7/75

We recommend him to your Christian care and oversight, and are your friends"

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a removal certificate prepared by the Women's meeting in favor of Antoinette Parkin and her daughter Margaret Parkin; also one in favor of Mary H. Atwater and her daughter Mary Alice Atwater, to Rochester Monthly Meeting N. Y.

to N. York [illegible]

Rec'd acknowledged 26. 2m.

We appoint Benjamin Buffum and Edward Sutton to take the necessary care for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting; - to report at our next meeting.

[illegible]

Samuel Austin, clerk

Summary Answers

Ans. 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. On First day morning they are duly attended by most friends; in the afternoon and in the middle of the week they are neglected by many. The hour is observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed

Ans. 2d Love & unity are generally maintained and detraction guarded against. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them

Ans. 10th Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially; and judgement is placed when necessary, and according to discipline.

Second Month 1875

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2d mo. 24th 1875.

The representatives named to attend this meeting are for Providence Wm. G. Cobin & Thomas Harkness who are present - no account being received from Smithfield Preparative Meeting;

Second Month 1875 –

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The Committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported attention to the subject and that they had incurred an expense on this account of fourteen dollars. The report is accepted & the clerk is directed to certify accordingly.

We have received the following information from the committee appointed in 12th mo. last, which with several letters from Friends in Kansas in acknowledgement of the aid afforded them are satisfactory to us – viz –

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed in 12th mo. to solicit aid for suffering Friends in Kansas report.

"We gave early attention to the subject, & from the ready & liberal contributions received, were enabled to forward, on the 5th ult., four barrels – one containing $75 worth of new clothing, & three filled with valuable second-hand garments. On the 8th ult. a fifth barrel of goods was forwarded for distribution among Friends and others, and a sixth barrel of clothing was sent to the care of Joseph Smith overseer of the Poor at White Rock, Republic Co.

We have also forwarded to Washington Hadley Lawrence Treasurer of Friends committee in Kansas $120. for the benefit of Friends and $17. for the needy at White Rock; making a total in money of one hundred & thirty seven dollars ($137).

On behalf of the committee Joseph Cartland

Providence 2d mo. 24th 1875"

Samuel Austin Clerk

Third Month 1875.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 24th 3d Mo. 1875

The representatives to attend this meeting are, for Providence, Robert Shove & Calvin Knowles who are present; no account being received from Smithfield.

Providence Preparative Meeting informs that it has paid six hundred dollars to our Treasurer.

We have received and read the following minute from the Representative Meeting.

Third Month 1875.

"To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends of New England Yearly Meeting

This Meeting finding there has not been sufficient time to effect the necessary legislation to enable the Yearly Meeting to hold its sessions at Portland, hereby notifies the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings that our next Yearly Meeting must be held, according to Discipline, at Newport.

By direction of the Representative Meeting held at Providence 2d Mo. 3d 1875.

William O. Newhall, Clerk

P.S. - The Representative Meeting will be held at Newport on 6th day before the commencement of the Yearly Meeting, at 6 o'clock P.M.

We appointed Samuel Austin and Thomas J. Bailey to unite in committee with such as the women's meeting may name & present at our next meeting an alphabetical list of our members; also such items of information as are required by the Discipline (p. 88.) to be embodied in our report to the Spring Quarterly Meeting

We have united with the women's meeting in releasing from membership in our religious Society Anna Caroline Atwater in accordance with her request addressed to the Monthly Meeting.

"Our beloved friend Sarah K. Reynolds returned at this time the copy of our minute granted her in the 1st month 1874, with the information that, as ability had been afforded, she had attended to the prospect she then had in view, and had felt the reward of sweet peace. She also presented copies of minutes from Sandwich and Smithfield Quarterly & from Sandwich, Dartmouth, Westport, New Bedford & Salem Monthly Meetings expressing that her company & religious service had been acceptable to them; all of which is satisfactory to us.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Fourth Month 1875

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo. 25th 1875.

The representatives named to attend this meeting are for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & Daniel Meader, for Providence Preparative Meeting Wm. G. Coffin & Samuel Austin

The Queries have been read and answers adopted as follow which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Joseph Cartland, Thomas J. Battey & Daniel Meader whom we appoint to attend as representatives.

We have accepted the following removal certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting in favor of Samuel Moore the women's meeting concurring

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends R.I.

Dear Friends

Samuel Moore having some time since removed within the limits of your Meeting, we certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting, and as far as appears has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction. We commend him to your Christian care and oversight and remain your friends

Signed by direction & on behalf of Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Sandwich 3rd Mo. 26. 1875

Melliah Gifford } clerks
Huldah Gifford }

Joseph King
Correspondent

We have received the following report which is directed to be recorded and the clerk is requested to forward the required statistics of the same to the Quarterly meeting, viz:

To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee to prepare a revised list of our members reports as follows:

The No. of our members last year 267
Added by certificate this year five viz George H. [illegible], Valentine E. [illegible], Robert W. Hanson, Fanny R. Aldrich, Samuel Moore 5
& by request one, Enoch Roscoe Birch — 1 } 9
& one birth J. Robert Hanson — 1
& names omitted last year viz. Lydia Coffin, Sarah J. Hawes 2
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From which deduct

Removals [illegible] viz. Mary H. Sutton with 3 children; Antoinette [illegible], son & 1 daughter

Mary [illegible] Atwater & her daughter Anne; Joseph H. Holmes & wife C. D. Holmes with four children and Eliza Henderson
One released from membership A. Caroline Atwater; & 7 members deceased viz; Welcome Congdon, Caroline D. Hoag, Wm S. Austin, Lydia M. Brett, Gideon C. Smith, Jane R. [illegible], J. Robert Hanson —
Leaving the present No. of members 250

Providence 27th 4th mo. 1875 Signed for the committee
Samuel Austin Elizabeth [illegible]
Thomas J. Battey Elizabeth C. Capron

The Treasurer informs that he has received from Smithfield Preparative Meeting two hundred dollars their proportion of Smithfield Meeting Stock & has paid our proportion of stock to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Ans. 1. All our meetings for worship & discipline have been regularly held, except that [illegible] meeting [illegible] been once omitted. On first day morning they are attended by Friends generally; in the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week, they are [illegible] neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed
Ans. 2d Love and unity are in a good degree maintained. We think Friends are careful to guard against detraction. [illegible]
3d Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, & to bring up those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.
Ans. 4th We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually & [illegible] in their families, [illegible] their children [illegible] in the daily practice of this religious duty; And are concerned to maintain our testimony to a free Gospel ministry.
Ans. 5th. With few exceptions Friends are clear from the use of [illegible] as a beverage, and are generally careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character & to maintain moderation in all things.

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Ans. 6th Con.

circumstances of the poor are inspected & their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their children

Ans 7th We think clear.

Ans. 8th We trust Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises and just in the paymen of their debts and careful to live within the limits of their circumstances.

Ans. 9th Recording is attended to. Several removals without certificates which are under notice

Ans 10th. Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially and to place judgement, where it appears necessary, in the authority of truth and according to discipline

Fifth Month 1875

At Providence

Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5mo. 26th 1875.

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Ezra G. Robinson & Daniel Meade and Providence, Robert B. Hanson & Robert Shove, who are present

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

Samuel Austin Clerk

Sixth Month 1875

At Providence

Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo 23d 1875

By accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the friends named, as follows, are appointed representatives to this meeting viz. for Smithfield Daniel Meader & Ezra G. Robinson; for Providence, Calvin Knowles & Joseph Cartland who are present except one.

Samuel Austin
Clerk

Seventh Month 1875.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held the 25th of 7th Mo. 1875.

The representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, Daniel Meader & Ezra G. Robinson; from Providence Thomas Chase and Joseph H. Atwater; who are present.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness, James Dennis & Thomas Chase whom we appoint to attend as representatives.

We have received for the use of our members, from the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, 115 copies of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, 1875.

We have received & read at this time the Annual Report of the committee in charge of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School.

We have received the following communication from Elizabeth A. Thorne. We appoint Joseph Cartland & Samuel Austin to give the required attention to the case & report their judgement at our next meeting, viz:

"Dear friends

I very much desire that you receive my children William E. Thorne & Ashby A. Thorne into the Society of Friends. My William expresses, of himself, a desire, which is more than gratifying to my mind; and I hope as my son he will grow up a worthy member of the Society

Elizabeth A. Thorne"

We appoint Daniel Meader, Calvin Knowles, Joseph H. Atwater, Thomas J. Battey & John H. Meader to unite in committee with such as may be appointed in the Women's meeting, (to cooperate with the committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting for promoting the cause of Temperance; to report at a future meeting.

Samuel Austin. Clerk.

Summary Answers

1. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been regularly held. On First day morning they are duly attended by most Friends; in the afternoon & in the middle of the week they are neglected by many. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed

Seventh Month 1875.

Ans. 2d We believe love and unity are pretty well maintained, and detraction guarded against by most. No differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans. 10th Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially; and to place judgement, when it appears necessary, in the authority of Truth and according to discipline.

Samuel Austin, clerk

Eighth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th month 25th 1875.

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Ezra G. Robinson & Daniel Meader for Providence Benjamin Knowles & Thomas Chase who are present

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

We appoint James Dennis Thomas Hathurst and Daniel Meader to unite in committee with such as the women's meeting may name and propose at our next meeting, the names of friends to serve as Overseers of Society & also names for Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.

The friends named above are also to present the names of a committee to have the care of Meeting houses Burial Grounds & Funerals and also to propose Reporters of births & deaths to the Recorder

The joint committee appointed last month made the following report, which being considered is united with in this & the women's meeting, and William E. Thorne & Ashby A. Thorne are accordingly admitted as members of Religious Society. Samuel Austin is requested to give the necessary information.

To Providence Monthly Meeting

The committee appointed last month to consider the subject of Elizabeth A. Thorne's request on behalf of her minor children William E. and Ashby A. Thorne report they have attended to their appointment, and are united in recommending to the Monthly Meeting that they be received into membership with us.

On behalf of the committee
Joseph Cartland
Anna T. Dennis

Providence 8th Mo. 25th 1875

Samuel Austin, clerk

Ninth Month 1875

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th month 29th 1875.

From accounts received, it appears that the representatives are, for Smithfield Preparative Meeting, Ezra G. Robinson & Daniel Meader; for Providence, Benjamin Knowles and Joseph H. Atwater; who are present.

The committee appointed at our last meeting made report as follows. Their nominations are united with by this and the womens meeting and the friends named are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year and until another appointment; viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting

The committee appointed to bring forward the names of friends for Overseers of Society and the Poor, propose the following named friends for those services.

For Smithfield Preparative Meeting, Eunice Metcalf, Mary Metcalf, James Estes, John H. Meader & Anna Meader for Overseers of Society; and Daniel Meader, James Estes, Celinda Metcalf and Louisa N. Meader for Overseers of the Poor: For Providence Preparative Meeting, Joseph Cartland, James Dennis, Hannah Peckham & Anna T. Dennis Overseers of Society; and Robert Shove, Calvin Knowles Dorcas B. Robinson and Elizabeth H. Austin for overseers of the Poor

Providence 9mo. 23d 1875

Thomas Harkness } for the committee
Anna T. Dennis }

The Committee appointed last month made report as follows which is approved, and the friends named, as follows, are accordingly appointed to the services designated below viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting

The committee to report the names of friends for caretakers of Meeting houses Funerals & Burying grounds propose the following named friends.—

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John H. Meader, Daniel Meader, Charles Metcalf and James Estes for Smithfield and Cumberland; Joseph Cartland, Samuel Austin, Benjamin Buffum George J. Adams, Joseph H. Atwater, James Dennis, Robert Shove, Calvin Knowles and Thomas Harkness for Providence and Scituate

Thomas Harkness } for the
Providence 9mo. 23d 1875 Daniel Meader } committee

Daniel Meader James Estes, Thomas J. Battey and Robert Shove are appointed as reporters of births and deaths to the Recorder.

In concurrence with the women's meeting, we have accepted the following certificate of sojourn in favor of Joel and Hannah E. Bean & their minor daughters, viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends R.I.

Dear Friends

We have been informed by our beloved friends Joel and Hannah E. Bean that it is their prospect with their minor children Lydia Shipley and Catharine Elizabeth, to spend some time within your limits. This is to certify that they are members in good esteem amongst us, and also that Joel and Hannah E. Bean are ministers with whom we have full unity

Signed by direction & on behalf of Springdale Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th Mo. 24th 1875

Granbury Wood } Clarkson T. Penrose }
Correspondent } Lydia B. Oliphant } clerks

Our beloved friend, Huldah M. Beede, informed this meeting that a concern had for some time attended her mind to attend the approaching Quarterly Meeting for & over at Sandwich N. H., to attend and appoint some meetings among Friends and others within the limits of Dover Quarterly Meeting and also to attend and appoint some meetings as way may open for it, within the limits of Salem and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings. Her prospect having claimed our consideration is united with, and the clerk is directed to sign a minute made in the women's meeting of this import.

We appoint Joseph Cartland, James Dennis & Daniel Meader a committee to examine & settle the Treasurer's accounts & to propose the name of a friend for Treasurer; & also of friends to serve this meeting as clerk, assistant clerk, auditors & recorder.

Samuel Austin, clerk

Tenth Month 1875

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th month 27th 1875.

By account received from Providence Preparative Meeting it appears that their representatives to attend this meeting are Robert B. Hanson and Wm G. Coffin, the latter absent. No account has been received from Smithfield.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th from Providence Preparative Meeting. We have adopted the following answers which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Cartland, Thomas J. Battey and Thomas Harkness whom we appoint to attend as representatives.

Samuel Austin reports that he has informed Elizabeth A. Thorne of the action of this meeting relative to her request.

The committee appointed last month made report as follows. Upon consideration their nominations are approved & the friends named in their report are appointed to services there designated for the ensuing year and till another appointment.

To Providence Monthly Meeting

The committee to propose the names of friends for clerks, treasurer and recorder & auditors report attention to their appointment, and propose

for clerk, Samuel Austin; for assistant clerk, Thomas J. Battey; for treasurer, Thomas Harkness;

for recorder, Samuel Austin; for auditors, James Dennis & Calvin Knowles.

They have examined and settled the Treasurer's account and find a balance in his hands

on the Monthly Meeting account			$156.93
on the burying ground fund	"		23.67
on the Deborah Jenckes	"	"	3.25
& on the School fund		"	14.85

Providence 10mo 14th 1875

Joseph Cartland for the Commit

We have united with the Women's Meeting in releasing, at her request, Mary A. Cornell from membership in our religious Society.

Tenth Month 1875.

We have received through the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting 150. copies of the London General Epistle of the present year for the use of our members.

This interesting document has now been read, we trust to our instruction and edification

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Answers

1. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been regularly held. On First day morning they are attended by Friends generally; in the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week, they are neglected by many. The hour nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed.

2. Love and unity are generally maintained and detraction guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

10. Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially, and judgement, when necessary, is placed according to discipline.

Eleventh Month 1875.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo. 24th 1875.

The Representatives named to attend this meeting are; for Smithfield, Ezra G. Robinson & Danl. Meader; for Providence, Thomas Chase & Robert B. Hanson, who are present except one.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

We have received from that meeting the following minute relative to Stock; which we refer for consideration, to our next meeting, viz.:

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends 11th mo. 4th 1875

It is concluded to raise, for the use of this meeting, eleven hundred dollars (1100$); and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of this sum to James Dennis, our Treasurer. Samuel Austin, Clerk

The Quota of Providence for Providence Monthly Meeting is 41 per cent $451-

Samuel Austin
Clerk

[illegible]

Lynn, 12 Mo. 24 1875.

Dear Friend:

On behalf of and by appointment of the Committee on Secular Education of N. E. Yearly Meeting, I propose to visit your Monthly Meeting, next to be holden at Providence on the 29 th of 12 mo., there to confer with such Friends as may feel interested, on the subjects embraced in the appointment of the Committee.

As a basis for conference, as well as for information, I would ask that the enclosed blank be *accurately* filled, and that a time and place be specified, for a gathering of those interested in the encouragement of Friends' Schools. It is usual to have a joint session of the mens & womens meetings at the close of the business meetings. I would like to attend the meeting for worship at the school, & then the business meeting if it is possible.

Thine

Twelfth Month 1875.

At Smithfield

Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th No. 29th 1875.

The representatives to this meeting are for Smithfield Preparative Meeting Ezra G. Robinson and Daniel Meader; for Providence Robert Hanson and Edward Sutton who are present except one.

It is concluded to raise for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting twelve hundred dollars; and our Preparative Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of this sum to Thomas Harkness, our Treasurer.

A letter from Richard M. Atwater received by the clerk was read, and on consideration it is referred to the overseers to report their judgement to our next meeting. We unite with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in favor of Elizabeth A. Chase.

The clerk is directed to sign removal certificates to New York Monthly Meeting of Friends in favor of Ellen G. Congdon and Elizabeth Smith.

We have received the following circular note (with blanks) from William Forster Mitchell acting for the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education. We have, accordingly, appointed the hour of closing our next Monthly Meeting — at the meeting house — as the time and place for the proposed conference; and the clerk is directed to inform Wm F. Mitchell hereof.

Samuel Austin, Clerk.

First Month 1876

At Providence

Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st No. 26th 1876.

The representatives to attend this meeting are for Smithfield Preparative Meeting Ezra G. Robinson and Daniel Meader; for Providence Edward Sutton & James Dennis Jr., who are present except one.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d, & 10th from each our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the following summary answers which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Joseph Cartland, Joseph H. Atwater and Thomas Harkness whom we appoint to attend as our representatives. — We appoint James Dennis Jr., Edward Sutton to extend the necessary care for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting; to report to our next meeting

The Overseers presented the following report upon considering the subjoined letter which was referred to them last month.

Boston 12th Mo. 5th 1875

Samuel Austin, Clerk of Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear friend

Wilt thou convey to the Monthly Meeting my request that my children may be recorded as members of the Society of Friends. Their mother Abby S. Atwater entirely unites with me in this desire. Their names and ages are respectively as follow:

Sophia Mead Atwater born 9th Mo. 4th 1868
Christopher Greene Atwater born 12th Mo. 23. 1869
Ethelwyn Merrill Atwater born 7th Mo. 14. 1871
Richard Mead Atwater Jr. born 5th Mo. 16. 1873
David Haag Atwater born 11 mo. 8 1875

"Haag" is to read "Hastings" See p. 115.

And greatly oblige

Thine, very truly

Now living in Millville, N. Jersey } Richard Mead Atwater

To the Monthly Meeting

The subject of Richard M. Atwater's request which was referred to the Overseers has been attended to and they are united in opinion that his request should be granted

Joseph Cartland, for the Overseers

1st Mo. 26th 1876.

On consideration of the same in this and the women's meeting their suggestion is united with and the five children above recorded are hereby admitted as members of our religious Society and the clerk is directed to furnish Richard M. Atwater a copy of this minute.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Answers

1st. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been regularly held. On first day mornings, they are attended by Friends generally; in the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are much

neglected by many. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed.
Ans. 2d. Love and unity are maintained with little exception; detraction is sufficiently guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.
Ans. 10th Friends endeavor to administer the Discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially. And judgment is placed when necessary according to discipline

Second Month 1876.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2d month 23d 1876.

The representatives named to attend this meeting were for Smithfield, Ezra S. Robinson & Daniel Meader; for Providence William S. Coffin & Calvin Knowles who are present except one.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended

The committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting report their attention to the same; and that they incurred on this account an expense of fourteen 50/100 dollars. The clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of their report

Our beloved friend, Josiah Holmes Jr., in the course of a religious visit attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting of 12th Mo. 1875 expressive of unity with him as a minister in this present engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

The company and religious services of our dear friend Sarah A. Holmes wife, with a minute of concurrence from New Bedford Monthly, accompanies her husband Josiah Holmes Jr have also been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to sign a minute of this import made in the women's meeting.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Third Month 1876.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d Month 29th 1876.

The Representatives named to attend this meeting

Third Month 1876

are for Smithfield Preparative Meeting, Ezra G. Robinson & Daniel Meader; for Providence James Dennis Jr., and Robert B. Hanson; who are present except one.

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting, the the following minute, viz:

"At R. I. Quarterly Meeting held at Providence 2d Mo. 3, 1876.

It is concluded that the representatives hereafter meet at 10 o'clock at the meeting house in Providence on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting in the 2d month; and at 9 o'clock A. M., at East Greenwich in the 5th Mo..

The clerk is directed to inform the Monthly Meetings of this conclusion

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid Samuel Austin, Clerk

Providence Preparative informs that they have collected and paid to our Treasurer 900 dollars

Smithfield Preparative Meeting reports that they have paid the Treasurer 300 dollars.

The Treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay to the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer our proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock called for in the 11th Month last. ($451).

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Fourth Month 1876.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo. 26th 1876.

By accounts from the Preparative Meetings, it appears that the representatives named to attend this meeting are, for Smithfield, Ezra G. Robinson & Daniel Meader; for Providence Edward Sutton & Robert B. Hanson who are present.

The Queries have been read with answers from each of our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the subjoined Summary answers which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by James Dennis, Samuel Austin & Robert B. Hanson whom we appoint to attend as representatives

Our Treasurer reports that he has paid to the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer our proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock. The clerk is directed to sign & forward to the Quarterly Meeting the substance of the following statement, viz:

(over)

Fourth Month 1876.

No. of members of Providence Monthly Meeting last year		250
" added by certificate this year viz Elizabeth Anthony Chase, Hannah S. Benson	2	
" on request of parents as follows viz two sons of Elizabeth H Thorne & five children of Richd M. Atwater	7	
One birth Congdon	1	
in all	10 —	260
From which deduct, as follows, viz:		
Removals out, Ellen L. Congdon & Elizabeth Smith	2	
Released from membership Mary A. Cornell	1	
Members deceased five, namely Rebecca G. Mitchell, Eliza F. Bowen, Mary Aldrich, Mary W. Clapp, Jarvis Reynolds	5	8
		252

We have united with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Mass. in favor of Hannah S. Benson.

Samuel Austin reported that he had informed Richard M. Atwater of our action upon his request, & that he desired the middle name of his son David to be recorded as Hastings instead of Hoag; & this meeting accordingly directs said record to be made.

The Overseers to whom was referred a communication from Charles S. Freeborn informing that he had some time since united with another religious society, reported in favor of releasing him from membership with us. The subject having claimed the attention of this meeting we are united in judgment, and the women's meeting concurring, he is accordingly discontinued as a member of our Religious Society. Samuel Austin is appointed to inform him of our action.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Summary Answers

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. On first day morning they are attended by Friends generally; in the afternoon of that day & in the middle of the week they are much neglected by many. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed.

Ans 2d. Love & unity are maintained with little exception; detraction not sufficiently guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans. 3d Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and by precept & example to encourage the same in their children, & those under their care

Ans 4th. We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively in their families; and encourage their children in the daily practice of this religious duty; but we fear that some are not sufficiently careful to maintain our testimony to a free Gospel ministry.

Ans. 5th Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, & are generally careful to avoid amusements & diversions inconsistent with a Christian character.

Ans. 6. The necessities of the poor, as far as known, are fully attended to according to the several requirements of the query.

Ans. 7. We believe, clear.

Ans. 8th, Friends frequently inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; generally punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans. 9. Recording is attended to, and care is taken regarding certificates

Ans. 10. Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely & impartially judgment is placed, when necessary, and according to discipline.

Fifth Month 1876.

At Providence

Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Mo. 24th, 1876

By accounts from the Preparative Meetings, it appears that the friends named as follows have been appointed to attend this meeting as Representatives, viz., for Smithfield, Ezra G. Robinson & David Meader for Providence, James Dennis & William G. Coffin who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended

Samuel Austin
Clerk

REPORT

OF THE

Committee on the Boarding School

AT PROVIDENCE, R. I.

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Committee appointed to have the charge and oversight of the Boarding School at Providence, report that they have given attention to their appointment. The school has been satisfactorily conducted, and has, we believe, as in previous years, fully maintained its high standing and usefulness. The religious interest which has been a marked element in the character of those connected with the school and which has given so much satisfaction to the committee for the past few years, is still continued. Its effect upon the discipline of the school and the conduct of the scholars is in the highest degree encouraging.

The practice pursued in former years of appointing sub-committees for the more immediate care of the school and family during the intervals between the meetings of the general committee has been kept up. Their reports of the recitations, of the general conduct of the pupils, and of the harmony and good feeling existing between all the members of the family, have been very acceptable to us. In the report of the sub-committee made in the 2d month, they say "A number of the meetings on First and Fourth days have been attended by one or more of the committee, and they are gratified in being able to report an increasing interest among the pupils in religious things, some of them giving marked evidence of a change of heart as the result of prayerful efforts on the part of their teachers and others, the Holy Spirit giving the increase."

The attendance upon the school has been for the Autumn term, 121 boys and 80 girls, for the Spring term 112 boys and 76 girls; of which during the year 112 were members of our society. Ninety-six of these were members of our own Yearly meeting and sixteen were from other Yearly meetings. The proportion from our own Yearly meeting is larger than for some time past.

At the time of making the report last year the school was indebted to the Treasurer of the Yearly meeting in the sum of

$15,552.59. In 10th month last the amount due from the city of Providence for land taken for the widening of Hope street and in opening Lloyd avenue from Hope street to Arlington avenue was paid. The sum received was $28,000.50. The committee was thus enabled to discharge the above-named indebtedness, to pay for money hired on account of expense incurred the previous year in building the fence around the premises, and also to pay for curbing laid by the city on the line of Hope street, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly meeting subject to the direction of the school committee of $4,811.98.

By a statement from the Treasurer of the school fund it appears that the income and payments on that fund have been as follows:

ON GENERAL FUND.

Balance on hand last year,	$108.61
Income from the fund,	7,091.59
Return premium of insurance,	182.75
Received from the city of Providence for land taken for streets,	28.000.50
	$35,383.45
Paid insurance premiums,	$512.50
Paid George Howland, Jr., Treasurer Yearly meeting, per order of the school committee,	28,000.50
Paid A. K. Smiley, Principal, for receipts,	6,829.60
Balance on hand,	40.85
	$35,383.45

CHARITABLE SCHOOL FUND.

Balance on hand last year,	$910.32
Income from the fund,	2,409.38
	$3.319.70
Paid school bills,	$2,350.00
Balance on hand,	969.70
	$3,319.70

The expenses of the school for the current year as nearly as they can be ascertained at the present time, are as follows:

Paid for salaries,	$13.710.00
Paid for wages,	5,595.75
Paid for provisions,	14,015.35
Paid for fuel and light,	3,376.88
Paid for repairs, annual,	4,410.92
Paid for incidentals,	818.08
	$41.926.98

The income for board and tuition was	$36,147.38
Income from fund,	6,829.60
	$42,976.98
Expenses,	41,926.98
Balance or profits,	$1,050.00

At a meeting of the committee held 5th mo. 30th we were informed, that, by a recent law of the State of Rhode Island, the property belonging to the Yearly meeting on which the school buildings are located, is liable to taxation. We would therefore recommend, in order to increase our income to meet this additional expense as well as to add to our school fund, that the school committee be authorized to take legal measures to enable them to sell such portion of the premises not already directed to be sold, as may be advisable and for the best interests of the Institution.

For the information of the Yearly meeting we would state, that, in consequence of the heavy grade on Lloyd street (being in the deepest part of the cut 11 feet) the Institution may be subjected to a considerable expense, in forming the embankment made necessary by such grading, and in resetting the fence; and also by the cost of curbing on the line of said street, a large portion of the funds now on hand may be absorbed.

The following list comprises the names of the officers and teachers for the year now closing.

Albert K. Smiley, Principal.

Daniel C. Maxfield, Governor and teacher of English branches.

Thomas J. Battey, teacher of Natural Sciences.

Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin and German.

John M. Potter, teacher of Mathematics.

Francis B. Gummere, teacher of English branches.

Joel Bean, Accountant and teacher of English branches.

Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal Female Department.

Alice R. Wing, Governess and teacher of Grammar and Rhetoric.

Bessie T. Wing, teacher of French, History and Literature.

Martha G. Reed, teacher of Mathematics.

Mary Amey Collins, teacher of English branches.

Hannah E. Bean, teacher of English branches.

Susan Godding, teacher of Drawing and Painting.

The health of the family during the past year has been generally good, although a few cases of sickness have occurred among the pupils, in all of which we are gratified in being able to state that they recovered, and in most of the instances resumed their places in the school.

Meetings for religious worship have been held at the school as previously, on First and Fourth days, at 11 o'clock A. M. These meetings have frequently been attended by members of the committee, and have been both interesting and satisfactory.

The afternoon of the First day of the week has been occupied as heretofore with Scripture lessons, in which the whole school is engaged.

It is proposed that the charges for board and tuition for the coming year be

For members of our Yearly meeting,	$100.00	per	annum.
For members of other Yearly meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00	"	"
For all others who may be admitted,	300.00	"	"

One half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars each to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., Clerk.

Providence, 5 mo. 30, 1876.

Note.—The Autumn term begins	9th mo. 6th, 1876,	and closes	1st mo. 24th, 1877.
Winter recess	"	1st mo. 24th, 1877,	"	2d mo. 7th, 1877.
The Spring term	"	2d mo. 7th, 1877,	"	6th mo. 25th, 1877.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the 1st of Eighth month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly meeting will have precedence of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon, in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds ~~should apply~~ at the time specified. In all cases of application on the fund full answers will be required to a series of questions which will be furnished to the clerks of the several Monthly meetings, on whom the applicants will please call for such questions.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Sixth Month 1876

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th M. 28th 1876.

The representatives to attend this meeting are, for Providence Preparative Meeting, Thomas Chase and Joseph H. Atwater, who are present; - no account received from Smithfield Preparative Meeting.

Samuel Austin reported that he had informed Charles S. Freeborn of the action of this meeting relative to his communication.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Daniel Mayfield desires a certificate from us to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting. We appoint Thomas J. Battey and Samuel Austin to make the requisite inquiry and to report at our next meeting.

We have received and read at this time the annual report of the committee having charge of our Yearly Meeting Boarding School; also copies of Questions addressed to applicants for the benefit of the Charitable School Fund, which we commend to the attention of our members.

We have received the following communication which we refer to the consideration of our friends Joseph H. Atwater and Thomas J. Battey uniting with such as the women's meeting may appoint, to report at a future meeting, viz;

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

We believe it our duty to unite with another branch of the Christian church, & hereby tender our resignation as members of the Society of Friends. With the assurance of our warm interest in your welfare, we are sincerely

John H. Congdon
Caroline B. Congdon"

We unite with the Women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting in favor of Elizabeth B. Lord

We appoint Thomas J. Battey, James Dennis, and Samuel Austin to consider any application for the benefit of the Charitable School Fund and also for that of this Monthly Meeting

Samuel Austin,
Clerk

Seventh Month 1876

At Providence

Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th Mo. 26. 1876.

From accounts received, it appears that the representatives to attend this meeting are [illegible] notified

[illegible]

[illegible]

The committee appointed last month presented the following certificate for Daniel C. Stafford and a copy of which the clerk is directed to furnish him, viz.

"To Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends &c.

Daniel C. Stafford having requested a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your meeting, this is to inform you that he is a member

[illegible]

appears to obstruct his proceeding therein."

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the following summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness, Daniel Meader & Thomas [illegible] whom we appoint to attend as representatives.

This meeting unites with the women's in granting the request of Elizabeth C. [illegible] to be released from membership with us.

The committee appointed last month made the following report. On consideration of the same we adopt the recommendation of the committee and, in concurrence with the women's meeting, the parties are hereby released from membership with us. James Dennis is appointed to give this information to James H. Congdon.

Report of the Committee

Your joint committee in regard to the request of James H. and Caroline B. Congdon report that we have given attention to the appointment, & are of the judgment that it would be best to grant their reason to be released from membership with us. Signed on behalf of the committee by

Joseph M. Straite

[illegible]

Hannah [illegible]

Answers

1. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been regularly held except our preparative [illegible]

duly and at the time appointed, a few others of the year, are indifferent to this important duty, no unbecoming behavior except a few instances of sleeping.

[illegible]

little exception. Detraction not wholly guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

10th Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried, and judgement is placed when necessary, and according to discipline. —

[illegible]

at this time through the [illegible] of the Quarterly Meeting [illegible]

for the use of our members

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Eighth Month 1876

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th Month 30th 1876.

The Representatives from our Preparative Meetings are for Smithfield, Ezra G. Robinson and Daniel Meader; for Providence, Thomas Chace, Wm. G. Coffin; [illegible]

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

James [illegible] reported that he had informed James H. Congdon of the action of this meeting in his case.

On the request of the Yearly Meeting that the Monthly Meetings appoint committees to cooperate with its committee to promote, as way may open for it, the cause of Temperance, we re-appoint our committee of last year (page 105) to unite in committee with such as the Women's meeting may name, a committee for that purpose, the ensuing year.

We appoint Thomas Mawney, Daniel Meader & Thomas J. Batty to unite in committee with such as the Women's meeting may name and present, at our next meeting the names of Friends to serve as overseers of Society & overseers of the poor; The same Friends are requested to propose the names of caretakers of meeting houses, funerals & burial grounds; & also Reporters of births & deaths to the Recorder.

Our friend Huldah M. Beede returned at this time the minute granted her in 9th month last with the information that she had been enabled to accomplish what she had then in prospect, & that a feeling of peace rests upon the service She also presented copies of minutes of Smithfield & Dover Quarterly Meeting & Dover Monthly Meeting acknowledging that her company & religious services had been acceptable to them; - which is satisfactory to us.

We unite with the Women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Milford Monthly Meeting, Ind. in favor of Mary H. Sutton and her minor daughters Mary H. and Sarah H.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Ninth Month 1876.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo. the 27th 1876.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting are, for Providence Preparative Meeting, William S. [illegible] & James Dennis one of whom was absent - No account was received from Smithfield Preparative Meeting.

The joint committee appointed last month made report as follows which being approved by this and the women's meeting the Friends therein named are accordingly appointed to the service designated for the ensuing year. viz.

The committee to propose the names of Friends for Overseers of Society and Overseers of the Poor, report For Overseers of Society, Dorcas Metcalf, Rhoda Metcalf, James Estes, John C. Meader & Anna Meader, Joseph Cartland, James Dennis, Hannah F. Peckham & Anna E. Dennis: For Overseers of the Poor, Daniel Meader, James Estes, [illegible] [illegible] Louisa S. [illegible], Robert [illegible], [illegible] Knowles, Thomas J. Battey, Dorcas B. [illegible] & Elizabeth H. Austin 9 mo. 27. 1876

For the Committee Thomas Hartness Huldah M. Beede
Daniel Meader
Thomas J. Battey

We have received the following report which is accepted and we have accordingly appointed the friends named therein to the services designated, for the ensuing year. viz.: The Committee to propose the names of friends for Caretakers of Meeting Houses, Funerals & Burying grounds report for Smithfield, John Meader, Daniel Meader;
" Cumberland, Charles Metcalf & James Estes;
" Providence & Scituate, Thomas Harkness, Joseph Williams, Samuel Austin, Benjamin Buffum, George J. Adams, James Dennis, Joseph [illegible] & Calvin Knowles.
For Recorders of Births & Deaths to the Recorder, Daniel Meader, James Estes, Thomas J. Batty & Calvin Knowles.

Signed by Thomas Harkness
9 mo. 27. 1876 Daniel Meader
Thomas J. Batty

We have received through the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting 170 copies of the [illegible] General Epistle for 1876.

We appoint James Dennis & Daniel Meader a committee to examine & settle the treasurer's account and propose the name of a friend for treasurer, & also of friends to serve the meeting as clerk, assistant clerk, auditors & recorder.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Tenth Month 1876.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th month 25th 1876.

The Representatives to this meeting are from Providence Preparative Meeting, Thomas Harkness & James Dennis jr., one of whom is absent with satisfactory excuse. Ac[illegible] [illegible] Smithfield, [illegible] have been read and answers to the 1st 2d & 10 adopted which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by James Dennis jr, [illegible] [illegible] who are appointed as representatives. [illegible] [illegible] that Joseph Williams [illegible] [illegible] certificate for himself and wife [illegible] [illegible] Monthly Meeting. Samuel Austin and James Dennis are appointed to unite in committee with such as the women may name & [illegible] [illegible] a certificate on their account [illegible] [illegible]

The committee appointed last month to settle the accounts alluded to for the purpose made report which is referred for further consideration to our next meeting.

We have received from the Preparative Meeting of ministers & elders the following communication, the proposition having claimed the deliberation of this meeting & the concurrence of the women's, is united with & the friend named is accordingly appointed to the station designated, viz.

"At a meeting of ministers & elders held on the 17th inst. it was unanimously concluded to propose to the Monthly Meeting the appointment of Thomas [illegible] to the station of elder.

James Dennis, Clerk."

We unite with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting, in favor of Lydia Ann Bowen.

Samuel Austin clerk

Answers

1. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been regularly held, except that Smithfield Preparative Meeting has been twice omitted. Those on First day mornings are attended by most Friends: those in the afternoon of that day & in the middle of the week are neglected by many; the hour generally observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed except a few instances of sleeping.

2d Love & unity are maintained with little exception; detraction, we fear, is not sufficiently guarded against by all, no differences have come to our knowledge.

10th Friends endeavor to deal with offenders timely & impartially; and judgment is placed when needful according to discipline.

Eleventh Month 1876.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo. 29th 1876

By accounts from the Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives for Smithfield are Elijah S. Thomson & Daniel Meader; for Providence, Nathan Knowles and William G. Coffin; who are present.

The report of the committee on the treasurer's account and for other purposes is continued under the consideration of the friends appointed in the 9th month with the addition of William G. Coffin, Albert K. Smiley & Joseph L. Atwater who are desired to report at our next meeting. The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one.

We have received the following minute from the Quarterly Meeting relative to stock, viz.

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Fall River 11th Mo 2d 1876. It is concluded to raise for the use of this meeting one thousand dollars ($1000) and our Monthly Meetings are requested to pay over their respective quotas of which to James [illegible] our Treasurer.

From the minutes, Samuel Austin, Clerk."

With the concurrence of the women, we have issued the following certificate

To Seabrook Monthly Meeting

Dear friends

Joseph Cartland & his wife Gertrude W. Cartland having removed to Newburyport, within your limits, request our certificate

This, therefore, may inform you that they are members of this meeting, that, upon inquiry no obstruction appears to issuing a certificate on their account, and that Joseph Cartland is an elder and Gertrude W. Cartland a minister with whom we have unity. We commend them to your Christian love & oversight and are your friends

We unite with the women's meeting in issuing a removal certificate in favor of Deborah Bartlett to Smithfield Monthly Meeting.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Twelfth Month 1876.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo 27th 1876: The representatives from Providence Preparative Meeting are Wm G. Coffin and Calvin Knowles who are present; no account having been received from Smithfield Preparative Meeting.

The committee appointed at our last meeting made the following report, which is united with and the Friends named therein are appointed to the several services designated for the ensuing year and till another appointment.

Report.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

The committee on the Treasury, Clerks &c, report attention to their appointment. On examination and settlement of the Treasurer's Accounts, we find a balance on hand of Three hundred Eighty-six & 65/100 Dollars on the expense account; Thirty 16/100 Dollars on the Burying ground fund account. Twenty five & 43/100 Dollars on the Deborah H. [illegible] fund, and Fifteen & 13/100 Dollars on the School fund account. And propose for Treasurer Thomas Harkness for Clerk, Thomas J. Battey, for Assistant clerk Calvin Knowles, for Recorder Daniel C. [illegible] and for Auditors James Dennis and Calvin Knowles.

Providence 12 mo. 27. 1876.

James Dennis, for the Committee.

The following communication was received from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, Viz. —

In consideration of the small number who attend Smithfield Preparative [illegible] the meeting request that it may be discontinued for the present, which they submit to the Monthly Meeting for disposal.

Daniel Meader, on behalf of the meeting. —

which after claiming our consideration was referred to a committee of the following friends viz. Thomas Harkness, Joseph H. Atwater, Thomas J. Battey and Albert K. Smiley, to unite with such committee as the women friends may name. They are desired to attend to the subject therein proposed and report to our next meeting.

It is concluded to raise for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars, and our Preparative Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of this amount to Thomas Harkness, our treasurer.

Our late recorder is requested by this meeting to deliver to the person above named in these minutes as recorder, all papers and documents in his possession pertaining to the records of this Monthly Meeting.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

First Month 1877.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo. 24th, 1877:—

The account being present from Providence Preparative Meeting the representatives therein named were Thomas Harkness and Joseph H. Atwater, who were present. No account was received from Smithfield.

The queries have been read with answers to the first, second, and sixth. We have adopted the following summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Providence, by Benjamin Buffum, Albert K. Smiley and Thomas Harkness, whom we appoint to attend as representatives.

The Committee appointed last month to attend to the subject set forth in the communication from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, informed that they had given attention to their appointment, but were not ready to make a final report. They were continued and desired to report next month.

Our late Recorder reported that he had attended to the request made of him at our last meeting and had delivered the records of the Monthly Meeting to his successor.

Thomas J. Battey and Arthur Fisher were appointed to extend the necessary care for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting and report next month.

Answers.

Answer 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except two for discipline in our Preparative Meeting. On First-day morning they have been attended by Friends generally. In the afternoon and in the middle of the week they have been more neglected. The hour [illegible] nearly observed. No unbecoming behaviour noticed except a few instances of sleeping.

Ans 2nd.

Love and unity are maintained with little exception. Detraction, we fear, is not sufficiently guarded against, by all. No difference has come to our knowledge.

Ans. 10th

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in christian tenderness, but, we fear not always as timely as advisable. Judgment is [illegible] when necessary, and according to discipline.

Thomas J. Bulley, Clerk.

Second Month. 1877.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd. mo. 21st, 1877–,

The account being present from Providence Preparative Meeting the representatives therein named were Thomas Harkness and Samuel Austin who were present: no account having been received from Smithfield.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they had attended to their appointment.

The Committee under appointment of 12 mo 1876, on the subject of a communication from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, not being ready yet to report, were continued and desired to report next month.

The committee appointed last month to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly meeting, reported attention to the same, and that they had incurred on this account an expense of thirteen and $\frac{32}{100}$ Dollars. The clerk was directed to certify the acceptance of their report.

Our beloved friend Barnabas C. Hobbs attended this meeting and presented a certificate of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement, from Bloomingdale Mo. Meeting held at Bloomingdale Parke Co. Ind., 2nd Mo 1st 1876, endorsed by Bloomingdale Quarterly Meeting held at Bloomingdale 2nd mo 17, 1876.

His company and religious services were acceptable to us. The clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

This meeting united with the Women's meeting in receiving Mary Ann Pitcher, wife of Andrew J. Pitcher, as a member of our Society.

The subject of our Mission in Syria having been brought earnestly before us at this time by our friend Eli Jones who was with us, Albert K. Smiley and Joseph H. Atwater were appointed as a Committee to solicit funds in this monthly meeting in aid of the missionary work in that country which our Yearly Meeting has had a part in establishing and maintaining. They were desired to give attention to their appointment, forward whatever amount they may raise to Geo. Howland Jr. the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, and report to our next meeting.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

Third Month 1877.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo. 8 1877.

The account being present from Providence Preparative Meeting, the representatives [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and Wm. G. Coffin, who were present except one, No account was received from Smithfield.

The Committee appointed 12 mo. 1876 to consider a communication from Smithfield Preparative Meeting made the following report which was accepted, and that preparative meeting with the meeting for worship on the same day is by this act of the Monthly Meeting discontinued and the members constituting it are annexed to Providence Preparative Meeting, the women's meeting concurring herein.* Report omitted here by mistake, see below.

The committee appointed last month to collect funds for the Syrian mission not being ready to report, were continued and desired to report next month.

We have united with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Mass. in favor of Alice H. Maxfield, wife of Daniel C. Maxfield.

The subject of the sale of the present meeting house property in Providence, and the purchase of another site having been brought before us at this time, [illegible] [illegible], Benjamin Buffum, and Albert K. Smiley were appointed a committee to take the subject into consideration, and report their judgment in the matter to a future meeting.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

* This report should have been inserted above directly after the minute of acceptance

Report.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

The Committee on the request of Smithfield Preparative Meeting to be joined to Providence Preparative Meeting — report attention to their appointment and after mature consideration are united in proposing that their request be granted.

Thomas Harkness } For the
Elizabeth Meader } Committee

Providence 3 mo 3 1877.

Fourth Month 1877.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4 mo. 25th 1877.—

The account being present from our Preparative Meeting the representatives therein named were Robert B. Hanson and Samuel Austin, one of whom was present and a satisfactory reason was assigned for the absence of the other.

The Queries have been read with answers from our Preparative Meeting. We have adopted the subjoined copy of answers which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Joseph H. Atwater, Benjamin Buffum, and Thomas Harkness. whom we appoint as representatives.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer our proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock called for in the 11th month last. ~

The clerk is directed to sign and forward to the Quarterly Meeting the substance of the following statement viz.

Statistics

Statistics of Prov. Mo. Mtg. from last report to 3 mo. 1st 1877.

Number of members last year—	252
" added by certificate this year.- - - - viz. Elizabeth T. Lord, Mary A. Sutton, Mary H. Sutton, Sarah H. Sutton	4
Births. Wm A. Batley, Anna D. Hanson	2
" Received by request, Mary Ann Pitcher	1
	259

From which deduct as follows.

Number discontinued Charles S. Freeborn	1
" Released Johns H. Congdon, Caroline B. Congdon and Elizabeth C. Mason - - -	3
" Removals out, Joseph Cartland, Gertrude N. Cartland,	2
" Members deceased, Maria Hawes, Dorcas Harkness, Sarah G. Sutton, Charles Metcalf.	4
	10
Membership 3 mo. 1st 1877. - - -	249

The committee appointed to solicit funds for the Syrian Mission reported attention to the subject. They were continued and desired to report when their work is completed.

We have united with the womens meeting in receiving Eunice E. Whipple as a member of our religious Society

Fourth Month 1877. (continued)

We have also united with our womens meeting in sending a removal certificate to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting Mass. in favor of Eliza A. Gardiner, wife of Daniel Gardiner.

S.K. Reynolds [illegible]

Sarah K. Reynolds, a minister in unity with us opened in this meeting a concern which had for a length of time rested on her mind to attend to some religious service in the Quarterly Meetings of Smithfield, Salem, and Sandwich, attending the meetings and performing such other service as might open in the light and life of the gospel. This meeting unites with her concern and liberates her for the service therein set forth.

The clerk is directed to sign the minute furnished her by the womens meeting.

After the conclusion of the foregoing business, the shutters were raised when our beloved Friends Joel and Hannah E. Bean ministers residing within the limits of this meeting with a minute of sojourn informed us of a prospect which had rested with them as a duty to visit some of the meetings of this Yearly Meeting in the love and service of the Gospel of Christ, and perform such other labor as the Master might open before them. Their prospect received the approbation and sympathy of this meeting and they were left at liberty and encouraged to attend to the service to which they feel called.

The clerks were directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute and sign it on our behalf.

Answers to the Queries.

Answer 1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held except two for business in one preparative Meeting. On First-day morning they are attended by most Friends in the afternoon and in the middle of the week they are much neglected. The hour is nearly observed mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

Ans. 2. Love and unity are maintained with little exception, and we trust detraction is generally guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge

Ans. 3. While some among us are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, endeavoring by precept and example to encourage the same in their children, we fear others are not sufficiently alive to these important duties.

Ans. 4. We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families; encouraging their children and others in this important duty, and generally maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

Ans. 5 Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a christian character are mostly avoided, and we believe a good degree of moderation in all things is generally observed.

Ans. 6. The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their children.

Ans. 7. We know of no violation of our testimony in regard to the several particulars of this query.

Ans. 8 We believe friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, they are generally punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and mostly careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9. Recording is attended to and care is taken with regard to certificates.

Ans. 10. Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in christian tenderness, timely and impartially and to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of truth and according to discipline

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

Fifth Month 1877.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 30th 1877, —

It appears by the account from our preparative meeting, that the representatives therein named are Samuel Austin and Calvin Knowles, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they had attended to their appointment.

Thomas J. Batley, Clerk.

Sixth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 6th mo. 27th 1877, —

By the account from our preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this, are Wm G. Coffin and Samuel Austin who are present.

The Committee appointed in 2nd mo. last to collect funds for the Syrian Mission reported that they had received and paid to the treasurer of the Missionary Committee One hundred Dollars and sixty six cents. ($100.66).

Their report is acceptable to this meeting.

Thomas J. Batley, Clerk.

Seventh Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7 mo. 25th 1877, —

The account being present from our preparative meeting, it appears that the representatives to this are Daniel Meader and Thomas J. Batley, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th adopted which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness, Samuel Austin, and Joseph H. Atwater whom we appoint our representatives.

We have received and read at this time the annual report of the Committee having charge of our New England Boarding School.

The Committee appointed in 3rd mo last on the subject of meeting-house property, made the following report which is satisfactory to this meeting and the Committee are released.

Report.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends,

Your Committee appointed in the third month last to consider the subject of the sale of the Meeting house property in Providence, and the purchase of another site & report their judgment as to the matter — would now report —

That it is their united conclusion that it is best at as early a day as practicable to secure its fair value, to sell the present lot and buildings on North Main St, and to purchase a more quiet and desirable spot for holding our meetings, where the noise and bustle of business will not disturb Friends.

We find the title to the property clear & held in trust for this Monthly meeting; We are however advised by legal counsel that in order to sell such property and give satisfactory title it now being held nominally by trustees we should obtain authority from the Supreme Court of the State which probably is easily done and when done would make the title satisfactory to any purchaser.

That we recommend this subject be left in charge of a Committee to procure this legal Authority to sell & also to make sale of the property whenever a satisfactory price can be obtained and also to report their judgment as to a suitable new location for a Meeting house.

For the Committee —
James Dennis
Providence 7 mo 24, 1877. Benjamin Buffum

In view of the suggestions of the committee embodied in the above report relative to the meeting-house property we reappoint James Dennis, Benjamin Buffum, and Albert K. Smiley, as a committee to obtain the requisite action from the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, to enable this Monthly Meeting to effect the sale of our present Meeting house property on North Main Street, to ascertain and report to this

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meeting at what price said property can be sold; & also to report on a suitable site for another meeting house when they [illegible] [illegible] if one has been found.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1.

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. On First-day morning they are attended by most Friends, in the afternoon of that day and in the middle of ~~the middle~~ of the week they are neglected by many. The hour is nearly observed, mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

Ans. 2.

Love and unity generally maintained And detraction is guarded against by most. No difference has come to our knowledge.

Ans. 3.

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially, & to place judgment when necessary and according to discipline.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Eighth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8mo 29, 1877—

It appears by the account from our preparative meeting that the representatives are Arthur S. Parker and Wm G. Coffin, one of whom is present, and a sufficient reason has been assigned for the absence of the other.

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting's clerk our share of the Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting for distribution among our members.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended except two whose absence circumstances seemed to require.

Our beloved Friends Joel and Hannah E. Bean returned by letter at this time the certificate for service in this Yearly Meeting granted them in the 4th mo. last, with the information that—

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

The following extract from the minutes of the late Yearly Meeting has been received by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting (viz) "At the request of the committee on Foreign Missions, Our Monthly Meetings, are directed to appoint Committees of those interested in the work, as soon as practicable after receiving this information, to assist in carrying out the concern of the Yearly Meeting."

Saml R Buffinton Clerk
R. I. Qr Meeting

To the Monthly Meeting.

Dear Friends:

At our last Yearly Meeting a proposition made by this Committee, that each Monthly Meeting should appoint a committee of those interested in the work, to assist us, was accepted and approved.

Since the Yearly Meeting, we have learned from Syria, that the Government Schools in the vicinity of the Mission have been discontinued, and this circumstance has contributed, not only to the importance, but to the responsibility of our work. A number of their scholars have sought admission to our schools, and some of the teachers have been brought under the religious influences of the Mission. One of the teachers, formerly a deacon of the Greek Bishop, has not only placed his school under the direction of Theophilus Waldmeier, but has himself applied for membership in the little Monthly Meeting of Friends at Brumana.

The Training Home is nearly, if not quite, complete, and the inmates are making good progress. Their work begins to do something already toward meeting the expenses of the Home.

While the work is thus still blessed of the Lord, you will see that it is needful for us to do our part. Though it has not been thought best to *extend* our work, there are the usual running expenses of the Mission to be met, and there is pressing need, just now, for funds to meet our proportion, which should be forwarded within three weeks.

Under these circumstances we have thought it best to request you to appoint at once the committee referred to above, and that they should use their endeavors to meet this need. It is a time when self-denying efforts may be required, but it is for His cause who gives us all that we possess, and to whom we shall be accountable for its use.

On behalf of the Foreign Mission Committee,

ELI JONES, Chairman.
SUSAN T. THOMPSON, Secretary.
GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., Treasurer.

Please send contributions to Geo. Howland, Jr., New Bedford, Mass.

New Bedford, 8mo. 15, 1877.

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they had been permitted and enabled to accomplish what seemed required to the relief and peace of their own minds. They also forwarded to us copies of minutes from the following Quarterly and Monthly Meetings signed by their respective clerks & correspondents expressive of satisfaction with their company and services: all of which is satisfactory to us. Viz.— Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Falmouth Mass. 7 mo. 5, 77; Sandwich mo. mtg. held at Falmouth 7 mo. 6, 1877; Vassalboro. Monthly Meeting held 7 mo. 17, 77; China Monthly Meeting held at China Me. 7 mo. 18, 77; Unity Monthly Meeting Me. held 7 mo. 20 77; St. Albans Monthly Meeting held 7 mo 24 77.; Litchfield Monthly Meeting held at Manchester, 7 mo 27, 77. all of which is satisfactory to this meeting.

The following communication has been received from the clerk of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, viz.

See on margin. —

In view of which we appoint Thomas J. Battey, Joseph H. Atwater, and Daniel Meader to unite with a similar committee of our women friends in aiding on the important work therein set forth.

We have also received the accompanying printed statement from the Yearly Meetings' Committee on Foreign Missions which we have read with interest and commend to the attention of our committee above appointed to represent our interest in the mission work.

Our Friends Joel and Hannah E. Bean having requested the return of their minute of sojourn, we authorize our clerks to return said certificate to the Monthly meeting issuing it.

In thus parting with our dear friends after their protracted sojourn, we desire to express the thankfulness we have felt for their company among us

Thomas J. Battey Clerk

Ninth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 mo. 26, 1877.— The account being present from our preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Daniel Meader and Jos. H. Atwater who present–

We appoint Thomas Harkness, Albert K. Smiley and Joseph H. Atwater to unite with such as the women's meeting may name and present at our next meeting the names of friends to serve this meeting as overseers of society, & overseers of the poor. The same friends are requested to propose the names of caretakers of meeting houses, funerals & burial grounds, and also reporters of births and deaths to the recorder.

We also appoint James Dennis, Daniel Meader, and Calvin Knowles a committee, to audit and settle the treasurer's account, to propose the name of a friend for treasurer, and also of friends to serve this meeting as clerk, assistant clerk, auditors and recorder.

In concurrence with the womens meeting we have accepted the following certificate of sojourn in favor of Allen and Martha A. Jay. viz.–

"Our beloved friend Allen Jay, a minister of the gospel of Christ & Martha A., his wife, an elder in good esteem amongst us, feeling it right to spend some time ~~amongst us~~ with their children at Providence Boarding School, asked for a sojourning minute to Providence Monthly Meeting, with the privilege of performing such religious service as they might feel required

This meeting grants the request their outward affairs having been settled to satisfaction as far as appears, and desires their best welfare while absent from us.

From the minutes of Springfield Monthly Meeting, Guilford Co., N. C. held 7 mo. 8, 1897.

B. F. Taber.
Retta Mendenhall } Clerks."

We have received the following communication from Joseph E. Macomber, viz.– [See printed circular in margin] in view of which we appoint Thomas J. Battey Robert B. Hanson and Daniel Meader, a committee to solicit and receive contributions to this important work and forward them as

To Providence

MONTHLY MEETING:

Dear Friends:

The committee appointed by *The New England Yearly Meeting of Friends*, to aid the hitherto neglected and ignorant classes in the Southern States as set forth in a postscript to North Carolina Epistle of last year, hereby requests each of our Monthly Meetings to make contributions and appoint one or more of their members to solicit contributions in their respective meetings, and forward the same to the Treasurer, MATTHEW HOWLAND, New Bedford, Mass., previous to 11 mo. 1st, 1877.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOSEPH E. MACOMBER,
Clerk.

PORTSMOUTH, R. I.,
9 mo. 15th, 1877.

At Hughsville Preparative Meeting
of Friends held 9th Mo. 1st 1900,
The representatives appointed
to attend the Monthly Meeting
are Anna M. Spaulding, Thomas Walker
and Archibald T. Rumford.

[illegible] M. Walker
Clerk.

500

175
140
140
45

500

therein directed.

We have united with our women's meeting in forwarding a removal certificate in behalf of Mary A. Smith to New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Rebecca Collins attended this meeting and presented a certificate of unity with her as a minister and in her present religious engagement from New York Monthly Meeting of Friends held in New York, 4 mo 4, 1877, endorsed by Westbury Quarterly Meeting held in Brooklyn 25 of 4 mo. 1877. Her company and religious services were acceptable to this meeting. The clerk is directed to sign such minute as may be prepared by the women's meeting embracing the substance of this.

Our friend John R. Cary who has been for sometime acceptably with us, with a minute of Sojourn from Patuxent Mo. Meeting, Maryland, having requested its return, that he might ask for a removal certificate to ~~the~~ an adjacent Monthly Meeting where he now makes it his home, we have authorized our clerk to return said minute as desired, our women's meeting concurring therein

Thomas J. Bailey Clerk.

Tenth Month 1877

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10 mo 24, 1877.—

By the account from our preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this are James Dennis and Jos. H. Atwater who are present.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from our preparative meeting, which we direct forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas [illegible], Thomas [illegible] and [illegible] Dennis whom we have appointed our representatives.

The committee appointed last month to Audit and settle the treasurer's account & other services presented the following report, which was accepted, and the friends named therein are [illegible] accordingly appointed to the services designated for one year or until another appointment.

Tenth Month 1877.

Report—

"To the Monthly Meeting"

We your committee to settle the Treasurer's Account and other purposes report.

We have examined and settled the account with the Treasurer and find a balance in his hands on Monthly meeting account of One hundred and Eight Dollars and One cent ($108.01). also in his hands on the Burying Ground account of Twenty Seven Dollars and seventeen cents ($27.17) also in his hands on the Deborah H. Jenks' Account, of Sixty eight Dollars and eighty eight cents ($68.88), and due the Treasurer on the School Fund Account Eight Dollars and fifty nine cents ($8.59). And we propose the following named friends for Officers of Society as designated.

For Treasurer, Thomas Harkness.
For Auditors James Dennis
and Calvin Knowles
For Clerk Thomas J. Battey,
Assistant Clerk, Calvin Knowles,
Recorder Daniel [illegible]

Which we submit.

James Dennis } for the "
Calvin Knowles } Committee.

The committee appointed last month to bring forward names of Friends for Overseers and other services not being ready to report are continued and desired to report next month.

In concurrence with our Womens meeting we have accepted the following removal certificate from Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends Mass. on behalf of Frederic J. Walton.

To wit—

"To Providence Monthly of Friends

Dear Friends

Frederic J. Walton, residing within your limits requests our certificate. He is a member of this meeting and has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction so far as appears: We recommend him to your Christian care and oversight and are your friends.

Tenth Month 1877.

Signed on behalf and by direction of Salem Monthly Meeting Friends held at Lynn 7 mo. 30. 18

Wm O. Newhall Assistant Cle
Deborah A. Crossman Clerk

Moses F. Rogers Correspondent."

[illegible] Clerk

Answers to the Queries for 11 mo. 1877.

Ans. 1 All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. On first da morning they are attended by friends generally. On the afternoon and in the middle of the week they are much neglected. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed.

Ans. 2. Love and unity are maintained with little exception and we trust detraction is generally guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge "

Ans 10 Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in christian tenderness timely, and impartially and to place judgment, when it appears necessary, in the authority of truth, and according to discipline.

Eleventh Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11 mo. 28, 1877—

By the account from our preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this, are Thomas Harkness, and Daniel Meader, one of whom is present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

The committee appointed in the 9th mo. to bring forward names of overseers &c. produced the following report which after due consideration was united with, our womens' meeting concurring, and the Friends therein named are accordingly appointed to the respective offices specified for one year or until another appointment.

Report:—

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

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[illegible]

The committee to propose names for overseers of Society and for overseers of the poor, report for overseers of Society James Dennis, Thomas J. Battey, Hannah T. Robinson, Anna T. Dennis, James Estes, Mary Metcalf, John H. Meader, Louisa A. Meader

For Overseers of the Poor Calvin Knowles, Thomas J. Battey, Dorcas W. Robinson, Elizabeth H. Austin, James Estes, Belinda Metcalf, Daniel Meader & Louisa A. Meader.

11 mo. 21 1877.

On behalf of the Committee,
Albert K. Smiley
Eliza P. Smiley.

The Committee appointed to bring forward names of Friends to serve this meeting as Caretakers of Meeting houses &c. reported the following for the specified services. The report is acceptable to this meeting and the Friends therein named are appointed to the respective services for one year or until another appointment.

Report.

The Committee to propose names for caretakers of Meetinghouses, Funerals and Burial Grounds, and reporters of Births and Deaths to the recorder, Propose the following for Providence and [illegible]. James Dennis, Samuel Austin, [illegible], Geo. [illegible], Joseph H. Atwater, Calvin Knowles and Robert B. Hanson.

For Smithfield and Cumberland Daniel Meader, John H. Meader, and James Estes.

For Births and Deaths to the Recorder Daniel Meader, James Estes Calvin Knowles and Thomas J. Battey.

11 mo. 21 1877.

On behalf of the Committee
Albert K. Smiley,

We have united with our women's meeting in releasing from membership at her request Mary Buffum Campbell.

We have received the following minute from the Quarterly Meeting relative to Stock.

Viz. At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of

Eleventh Month.

Friends, held 11th mo. 1st 1877.

It was concluded to raise for the use of this Meeting Six hundred (600) Dollars and our several mo. mtgs are requested to forward their respective proportions of this sum to James Dennis our Treasurer

Samuel R. Buffinton Clerk.

The Quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is $ 246. 41 %.

It is concluded to raise for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting, the sum of One Thousand (1000) Dollars, and we appoint Albert K. Smiley Calvin Knowles, Benjamin Buffum, James Dennis, and Daniel Meader to collect and pay to Thomas Harkness our treasurer that amount.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk

Twelfth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 mo. 26, 1877.—

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Daniel Meader and Wm. G. Coffin, who are present

Thomas J. Battey Clerk.

First Month 1878.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo 30th 1878.—

By the account from our Preparative Meeting we learn that the representatives to this are Wm. G. Coffin and Thomas Harkness who are present

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number from our Preparative meeting. A summary of these has been adopted which we direct forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by James Dennis, Robert B. Hanson, and James H. Chas whom we have appointed as representatives. They are desired to attend to their appointment and report to our next meeting.

Our beloved friend Charles H. Jones attended this meeting and presented a certificate of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagemen

from Weare Monthly Meeting held 10 mo. 4 1877.
His company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.
We appoint Joseph H. Atwater, Samuel Austin, and Calvin Knowles to extend the necessary care for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, and report the expense next month.
This meeting directs our treasurer to pay to the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting the the proportion of Stock called for in the 11th mo. last.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. First.—

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. On First-day morning they are attended by a fair proportion of our members. in the afternoon and in the middle of the week they are more neglected. the hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behaviour noticed.

Ans. Second.—

Love and unity maintained with very few exceptions. And we trust that detraction is generally guarded against.
When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans Tenth—

We believe Friends are careful to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially and to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of truth and according to discipline

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

Second Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd mo. 27, 1878. —

By the account from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are Calvin Knowles and Wm. G. Coffin. who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.
The Committee appointed last month to provide

for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported attention to the same and that they had incurred on this account an expense of ten $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars ($10.25). The clerk was directed to certify the acceptance of their report.

Thos. J. Battey Clerk.

Third Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo. 27, 1878.—

By the account from our Preparati Meeting we learn that the representatives to thi are Thomas Harkness and Calvin Knowles who are present.

We appoint Samuel Austin and Thomas J. Battey a committee to examin and revise the list of membership and prepare an abstract of statistics for the information of the Yearly Meeting, and report next month.

Thomas J. Battey Clerk.

Fourth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4 mo. 24, 1878.—

By the account from our Preparative Meeting we learn that the representativ to this are Daniel Meader and Thomas Harkness who are present.

The Queries have been read and answers adopted as follow which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by James Dennis Joseph H. [illegible] and Benjamin Buffum, whom we appoint as representatives

The following report was received and accepted. Viz.

"To Providence Mo. Meeting.

Your Committee appointed last month to revise the list of our members and prepare an abstract of statistics for the information of the Yearly Meeting, report attention to their appointm and present the following statistics, and a revised list of members in the book of the Monthly Meeting kept for that purpose.

Number of members last year
Added by certificate, Alice W. Marfield
Frederic J. Walton and Lydia Ann Bowen (omitted last year) 3
Births Francis A. Marfield 1
Added by request Emma Whipple
From which deduct as follows
Released Mary Buffum Campbell 1
Removals, out Eliza Gardiner, Mary A. Smith
Deborah Bartlett and John R. Cary 4
Members deceased Grace Parker
Asa P. Chace Geo. L. Collins, Isabella Chace
and Fannie Aldrich 5
Making the total membership
3mo. 1. 1878
Providence 4 mo. 24. 1878.

Samuel Austin } for the
Elizabeth C Capron } Committee"

In concurrence with our womens meeting we have accepted the following removal certificate on behalf of Allen and Martha A. Jay, and their Minor children, Wm C. Edwin and Isaac, to wit.

"To Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends' R.I.
Dear Friends,

Allen Jay a minister of the Gospel with whom we have unity, and Martha A. his wife an elder which station she has acceptably filled, having removed with their minor children, Wm C. Edwin and Isaac, within the limits of your meeting, request has been made for our certificate of their right of membership. This is therefore to certify that on due inquiry respecting their conduct and the proper adjustment of their outward affairs no obstruction appears to the issuing of a certificate in their behalf. We therefore recommend them to your christian care and remain in love your friends.

Signed by direction of Springfield Mo. Meeting of Friends' N.C. held 4 mo 10th 1878.

W. S. Tomlinson Asst Clerk.
Amanda M. Richardson Clerk.

Also in concurrence with the womens meeting a similar certificate has been received and accepted on behalf of Hester Ann Mason. from Oskaloosa Mo. Mtg. Iowa held 4mo 6 1868.
(For certif. see womens records)

We have united with our womens' meeting in releasing from membership at her request Eliza Collins. she having become a member of another religious denomination.

Answers to Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. On First day morning they are attended duly by a fair proportion of our members in the afternoon and in the middle of the week they are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

Ans. 2d

Love and unity are maintained with very few exceptions and we trust detraction is generally guarded against. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 3d

While many among us are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. endeavoring by precept and example to encourage the same in their children, we fear there is a remissness in others in regard to these important duties.

Ans 4th

We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectivel in their families, Encouraging their children and others in this important duty and maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry with some exception.

Ans 5th

So far as we know friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a christian character are mostly avoided

Fourth Month.

Ans. 6th

The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their children.

Ans. 7th

We know of no violation of our testimony in regard to the several particulars of this query.

Ans. 8th

With a few exceptions friends are careful to attend to the several important requirements of this query.

Ans 9th

Recording is attended to and care taken with regard to certificates.

Ans. 10th

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially, and to place judgment when it appears necessary in the Authority of truth and according to discipline.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Fifth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5mo 29. 1876.

By the account from our preparative meeting it appears that the representatives are Calvin Knowles and Wm G. Coffin who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended to their appointment except one.

Our beloved friend Allen Jay, a minister with whom we have unity, laid before this meeting a concern which had for quite a length of time rested on his mind to attend some of the meetings, and appoint others within the limits of New England Yearly Meeting; and also, if way should open for it, the approaching Yearly Meeting of Canada. After due consideration this meeting cordially liberates him for the service specified, and encourages him in his proposed labor of gospel love, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign it on our behalf.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Sixth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6 mo, 26, 1878.-

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives are Wm G. Coffin and Thomas Harkness who are present

Our beloved friend Alida Clark attended this meeting and presented a certificate of unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement from Southland Monthly Meeting held by adjournment at Southland College near Helena Ark. 5 mo. 22, 1878, accompanied by a minute of the Missionary Board of Indiana Yearly Meeting, issued at a meeting held at Richmond Indiana, 5 mo 15, 1878. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf such minute to this effect as may be given her by our womens meeting.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

Seventh Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7 mo. 24. 1878.—

By the account from our Preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Calvin Knowles & Wm G. Coffin who are present

Our beloved friend Amos M. Kenworthy accompanied by his wife Phebe M. Kenworthy, an elder, attended this meeting and presented a certificate of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement from Columbus Monthly Meeting Ohio held 5 mo 1st 1878 & endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting held at Columbus O. 5 mo. 4. 1878. Their company & services have been satisfactory to this meeting

Seventh Month

and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and answers to the first, second, and tenth from our Preparative Meeting, which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thos. Harkness, Thos. J. Battey and Daniel Meader whom we have appointed representatives.

We have received and read at this time the report of the Boarding School Committee.

Thomas J. Battey Clerk.

Answers to Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. On First-day morning they are attended by friends generally. In the afternoon and middle of the week they are much neglected. The hour is pretty well observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

Ans. 2nd.

Love and unity are maintained with little exception, detraction is generally guarded against. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 10th—

We endeavor to administer the discipline as required and to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of truth and according to discipline.

Eighth Month.

At Prep. Mo. Meeting of Friends held 8 mo 28, 1878.

The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Thos Harkness & Wm. L. Coffin, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting's Clerk our quota of the Minutes of our late Yearly Meeting for distribution among our members.

Thomas J. Battey Clerk.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

HAVING CHARGE OF THE

BOARDING SCHOOL

AT PROVIDENCE,

6th Mo., 1878.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

In presenting their Annual Report, the Committee in charge of the Boarding School, at Providence, have the satisfaction of reiterating the statement of former years, that the school has received their attention, and that it has maintained its previous standard of efficiency and of high moral and intellectual culture.

The health of the family was unusually good until after the recess in the Second Month, when a mild case of scarlet fever and one of measles occurred, and although strenuous efforts were made to prevent the spread of the disease, the efforts did not prove entirely successful, as several cases soon followed. Quite a number of the scholars were in consequence withdrawn, which tended to produce an unsettling effect upon the school. The responsibility brought upon the Principal and officers was for a time very heavy, but they were favored to act wisely and judiciously. Ten of the pupils had the fever at the school and five or six others at their homes; while of the measles there were two cases at the school and one at home.

The school was continued, and the classes (particularly that of the seniors) proceeded without serious interruption. The Committee feel that they have cause for gratitude, that no serious illness or death has occurred.

In order sooner and more effectually to remove all cause of apprehension from the minds of the scholars and their friends, some rooms admirably adapted to the purpose, located in a building near the school-house were prepared for the use of the then remaining patients, to which as soon as their condition would warrant, they were transferred, and the house thoroughly disinfected, since which all vestiges of disease have passed away.

The attendance of the children of Friends has been unusually large, reaching ninety-five from New England and twenty-five from other Yearly Meetings, nearly all of whom remained through the year.

The Committee would reverently acknowledge that the religious interest which for some time has prevailed in the school has deepened during the past winter, and we have reason to believe that many young hearts have yielded to the loving invitation of the Saviour, and have consecrated their life and service to Him.

The Meetings for Religious Worship on First and Fourth-days have been continued as heretofore, and evidence has not been wanting that a goodly number of the scholars have been engaged to worship in spirit and in truth.

As a result of the religious and moral tone of the school, we are gratified to inform the Yearly Meeting, that more than two-thirds of the scholars, imbued with the love of their Heavenly Father and with an earnest desire for their mutual benefit, have, of their own accord, organized themselves into temperance societies (one on each side of the house), holding bi-monthly meetings, having lectures and addresses from some of their own number, and occasionally from others, and have, (with few exceptions,) taken the triple pledge — to abstain from the use of spirituous liquors, from tobacco, and from profane language—thus saying to those around them, " We believe this to be the way, and we will walk in it."

The harmony and home-like feeling which pervade the school are in the highest degree satisfactory.

The plotting of the school premises, referred to in our report last year, has been accomplished, presenting a view of the entire premises with avenues and streets marked thereon, which has been adopted by the Committee, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of our records. The names of the several avenues and streets have been adopted, subject however to change if circumstances require it, it being understood that the premises reserved for the use of the school shall be that portion included between Moses Brown, Alumni, Pennington and Lloyd Avenues, an area of about 16 1-4 acres, of which no part shall at present be offered for sale.

The Sub-Committee on sale of land etc., having the matter in charge, is authorized, if in its judgment it is expedient, to lay out, grade and complete, the avenues surrounding the reserved school premises, to curb the sidewalk upon the school side of said avenues, and properly enclose the reserved premises. They are also required in the future sale of lots to restrict the purchaser to the following conditions: — No building to be placed nearer the line of the street than twenty feet; the cost of the structure to be not less than $8,000; no building or structure upon any part of the premises to be used for the sale of spirituous liquors. One lot only has been sold since our last report.

From the account of the Treasurer of the School Fund, we find that he has received as

Income from the General Fund	$5,632 75	
From the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting—income on bonds, proceeds of land sold	272 03	
From returned premium of insurance	298 25	
Balance due the Treasurer	43 97	
		$6,247 00

PAYMENTS.

Paid insurance on the property	$512 50	
Paid A. K. Smiley, Principal, on behalf of the school	5,734 50	
		$6,247 00

FROM THE CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year	$990 75	
Income from the fund	2,263 12	
		$3,253 87

PAYMENTS.

School bills for 23 scholars	$2,125 00	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	1,128 87	
		$3,253 87

The accounts of the Principal of the school show the following items of receipt and expenditure:—

RECEIPTS.

Income from the fund	$5,690 53	
Income from board and tuition	36,474 00	
		$42,164 53

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	$13,857 50	
Wages	5,837 88	
Provisions	13,478 67	
Fuel and light	2,211 80	
Water	297 10	
Repairs and replacements	5,021 44	
Incidentals, including periodicals, additions to library, medicines, etc.	431 42	
Balance of profits remaining	1,028 72	
		$42,164 53

In the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, subject to the direction of the Committee.

1877.			
6 mo. 20.	Balance from old account		$1,463 88
6 mo. 20.	Received from sale of land		8,525 37
8 mo. 20.	Received from sale of land		4,687 50
9 mo. 12.	Received from A. K. Smiley		1,309 38
12 mo. 1.	Rec'd from coupons Gov't bonds	$135 00	
	Premium on gold	1 03	
			136 03

1878.				
3 mo. 1.	Rec'd from coupons Gov't bonds .	$135 00		
	Premium on gold	1 00		
			136 00	
5 mo. 30.	Received from interest temporary loan .		27 63	
6 mo. 1.	Received from dividend Five Cts. Bank .		7 55	
				$16,293 34
1877.				
6 mo. 21.	Paid S. Nightingale, brokerage		$42 62	
8 mo. 23.	Paid for $12,000 Gov't 4 1-2 per ct. bonds		12,844 50	
9 mo. 7.	Paid S. Nightingale, brokerage		23 44	
9 mo. 7.	Amount deposited in Five Cents Savings Bank, N. Bedford		302 31	
1878.				
3 mo. 1.	Paid Thos. Harkness, Treasurer, income of bonds		272 03	
4 mo. 3.	Paid Wm. S. Haines, by order of Com. .		240 38	
6 mo. 1.	Balance, subject to order of Committee* .		2,568 06	
				$16,293 34

The following list comprises the names of the officers and teachers for the year which will close on the 25th inst:

Albert K. Smiley, Principal.
Daniel C. Maxfield, Governor and Teacher of English branches.
Thomas J. Battey, Teacher of Natural Sciences.
John M. Potter, Teacher of Mathematics.
Francis B. Gummere, Teacher of German and English branches.
Seth K. Gifford, Teacher of Latin and Greek.
Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of Female Department.
Susan S Moore, Governess and Teacher of English branches.
Bessie T. Wing, Teacher of French, History and Literature.
Martha G. Read, Teacher of Mathematics.
Mary Amy Collins and S. Elma Winslow, Teachers of English branches.
Antoinette A. Bassett, Teacher of Drawing and Painting.
Allen Jay, Clerk and Accountant.

We propose that the charges for board and tuition remain as last year, viz:—

For members of our Yearly Meeting, per annum	$100 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such	190 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

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* At the meeting of the Committee, 6th Month 4, the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting was requested to pay to A. K. Smiley the balance in his hands, to be appropriated to the payment of the tax upon the property.

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars each to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German or Drawing.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEORGE HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School,
Providence, 6th Month 4th, 1878.

Note.—The Autumn term begins 9th Mo. 4th, 1878, and closes 1st Mo. 22d, 1879. Winter recess begins 1st Mo. 22d, 1879, and closes 2d Mo. 5th, 1879. The Spring term begins 2d Mo. 5th, 1879, and closes 6th Mo. 23d, 1879.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 30th of Seventh Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds should apply at the time specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Ninth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo. 25 1878.-

The representatives are Wm G. Coffin and Caleb Knowles who are present.

We appoint Thos Harkness, Albert K. Smiley and Thomas J. Battey to unite with such as the women's meeting may name, and present at our next meeting the names of of Friends to serve this meeting as overseers of Society, and overseers of the poor. The same friends are also requested to propose the names of caretakers of meeting houses, funerals, and burial grounds; and reporters of births and deaths to the recorder.

We also appoint Daniel Meader, James Dennis and Joseph H. Atwater, a Committee to audit and settle the treasurer's account to propose the name of a friend for treasurer, and also of friends to serve this meeting as clerk assistant clerk and recorder.

Our beloved friend, Sarah K. Reynolds returned at this time the certificate granted her in 4 mo. 1877, with the information that she had attended to the service to which she felt called, & experienced the reward of peace in its accomplishment. She presented returning minutes from Uxbridge and Smithfield Monthly & Sandwich Quarterly meetings, expressing satisfaction with her company & services. All of which is satisfactory to us.

Thos. J. Battey Clerk.

Tenth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10 mo. 30, 1878.—

The representatives are Wm G. Coffin and [illegible] Gay; one of whom is present and a sufficient reason is assigned for the absence of the other.

The committee appointed to bring forward names for [illegible] clerk and assistant [illegible] presented the following report which was accepted and the friends therein named are appointed to their respective

[illegible]

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

Your committee to examine and settle the treasurers account and propose names for officers report.—

We have examined and settled the treasurers account and find a balance on monthly meeting account of — $ 136.99

D. H. Jenks account — 126.96

Do [illegible] 7.[illegible]

Balance due the treasurer on School Fund account. 35.75

We propose the following names for officers of society for the ensuing year

For Treasurer Thomas Harkness,

[illegible]

" Clerk Thomas J. Battey

Assistant Clerk Caleb Knowles

" Recorder Daniel C. Mayfield.

For the Committee, James Dennis.

Providence 10 mo 12, 1876.

The queries have been read and answers to the usual number from our Preparative Meeting.

A summary has been adopted which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness, Albert K. Smiley and Wm D. Coffin, whom we have appointed as representatives.

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting's Clerk [illegible] copies of the London Yearly Epistle for 1876, which we direct distributed among our members. We have read one at this time to our encouragement and instruction.

We have received the following report which is acceptable and the Friends therein named are appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment, our women's meeting concurring.

Viz. — Report —

The Committee to propose names for overseers of society and overseers of the poor, report as follows.—

James Dennis Emma Metcalf
Thomas J. Battey James Estes
Hannah F. Peckham John H. Mead
[illegible] [illegible] Snyder

Overseers of Society

Calvin Knowles — James Estes
Thomas J. Battey — Celinda Metcalf — Overseers of the Poor.
Lucas B. Robinson — Daniel Meader
Elizabeth B. Austin — Louisa N. Meader

For the Committee
Thomas Harkness
Louisa N. Meader

The following was also received and the friends therein named are likewise appointed for one year or until another appointment

viz.— Report.

The Committee to propose names for Caretakers of Meeting house, Grounds and Burial Grounds and Recorders of Births and Deaths to the Women [illegible] report

James Dennis
[illegible] Austin
[illegible]
Jas. H. Atwater
Calvin Knowles
Robt. B. Hanson
— Caretakers in Pembroke and Scituate.

Daniel Meader
[illegible] Meader
James Estes
— Caretakers for the [illegible] Cumberland

James Meader
James Estes
Calvin Knowles
Thomas J. Battey
— Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder.

[illegible] members of Cumberland Particular Meeting informed us that there was a desire to have their midweek meeting discontinued. We appoint James Dennis and Albert R. Smiley to unite with a committee of our women's meeting and consult with the members of that meeting, and report their judgment in the case to our next meeting.

Answers to the Queries

Ans. 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. On First day morning they are attended by a large proportion of our members. In the afternoon and in the middle of the week they are much neglected. The hour is nearly observed. Clear of unbecoming behavior, a little appearance of sleeping excepted.

Love and unity are maintained with few exceptions. And we trust detraction is mostly guarded against. When differences occur endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 10. Friends endeavor to administer the discipline as queried after, and to place judgment ~~tes~~ give when necessary in the authority of truth and according to Discipline.

Thomas J. Battey Clk

Eleventh Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting held 11th mo 2d 1876.

The representatives are Robert S. [illegible], and James Dennis, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

The following communication was received from the Quarterly Meeting's Clerk viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 7. 1876.

It was concluded to raise for the use of this meeting $1100. and our several Monthly Meetings are desired to forward their respective proportions of that sum to James Dennis our Treasurer.

Samuel R. [illegible] Clerk.

The rate of Providence Monthly Meeting is $451. 41 per cent.

It is concluded to raise for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting the sum of Eight hundred Dollars and we appoint Albert K. Smiley, Calvin Knowles Thomas Harkness, James Dennis and Daniel Meader to collect and pay to Thomas Harkness, our Treasurer, that amount.

The Committee appointed last month, in regard to laying down Cumberland Indulged Meeting is continued another month.

Thomas J. Battey Clerk.

Twelfth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held [illegible] 1878.

The representatives are Daniel Meader and Thomas Harkness, who are present.

The following report was received and accepted, viz.—

To Providence Monthly Meeting

The committee appointed [illegible] to [illegible] funds for the Syrian Mission, report that they have collected and forwarded to Geo. Howland Jr. the sum of Twenty four Dollars ($24)

For the Committee,

Thos. J. Battey
Louisa N. Meader

The committee on the [illegible] of Cumberland Midweek Meeting reported

To the Monthly Meeting.

We your committee to consider the request of the [illegible] of Cumberland Preparative Meeting to have said meeting discontinued in the middle of the week, report: we have attended to our appointment, and are united in recommending that their request be granted.

Providence 12 mo. 25th 1878.

For the Committee,

James [illegible]
Huldah M. Beede.

This report was accepted our womens meeting concurring and the meeting dropped as recommended.

We have united with our womens meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in favor of Elizabeth C. Spencer.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

First Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo. 29. 1879.

The representatives are Daniel Meader and Robert B. Hanson, who are present.

The queries [illegible] been read in this meeting, with answers to the usual number from our preparative [illegible] adopted. This is forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by [illegible] [illegible] and Thomas J. Battey whom we appoint as representatives.

We appoint Joseph W. [illegible] and Robert B. Hanson to extend the necessary care for the accommodation of the [illegible] Meeting and report the expense next month.

The accompanying papers bearing date of [illegible] mo. [illegible] 1879 were received from the City Treasurer, expecting an assessment on our Meeting House property for sewers. The matter is deferred for consideration till our next Monthly Meeting.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. On First-day morning they are attended fully by a portion of our members. In the afternoon and in the middle of the week, they are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed, mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

Ans. 2. Love and unity are maintained with very few exceptions and detraction is generally guarded against. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 10. Friends endeavor to [illegible] the discipline is [illegible] after and to place judgment [illegible] [illegible] in the authority of [illegible] according to discipline.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Second Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
2 mo. 26 1879.— The representatives are Thomas Hawkins and Calvin Knowles who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

[illegible] committee to extend care for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting [illegible]

TREASURER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

Providence, January 6 1879

M Prov. Monthly Meeting
of Friends

You are hereby respectfully notified that your estate in said City of Providence has been assessed for the construction of a Sewer in the street on which said estate abuts.

If said assessment is not paid on or before February 1, 1879, the said estate will be levied upon to pay the assessment made thereon.

Very Respectfully,

BENJAMIN TRIPP,

City Treasurer.

[illegible]

SEWER ASSESSMENTS.

NAME OF STREET.	DUE.	PLAT.	LOT.	No. Front Feet at 60 c. per foot.	Square Feet Area at 1 c. per foot.	Total Amount Assessed.
[illegible]	Aug 22 '75	10	[illegible]	129.91	7707	$25.72
[illegible]	Aug 27 '75	10	[illegible]	139.[illegible]	[illegible]	53.[illegible]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

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CONDITIONS FOR PAYMENT OF SEWER ASSESSMENTS.

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The whole assessment may be paid at any time within one year from the day of the lodgment of the assessment with the City Treasurer, with a deduction on the same at the rate of six (6) per cent. per annum from the date of paypayment to the end of the year

One-third of the assessment may be paid at any time within one year from the time the assessment is lodged with the City Treasurer, without interest.

The second installment of one-third may be paid within two years from the day of said lodgment with the City Treasurer by paying in addition thereto, the interest on the whole amount due on said assessment, at the rate of seven (7) per cent. per annum, from the first day of the second year after said lodgment to the time of payment.

The last or third installment of the assessment may be paid within three years after said lodgment, by paying in addition thereto, the interest thereon at the rate of seven (7) per cent. per annum from the date of the last payment.

If the first installment is not paid at the end of one year from the day of the lodgment of the assessment with the City Treasurer, the whole assessment can then be collected with interest therefrom, at the rate of seven (7) per cent. per annum, and expenses of collection.

Whole Assessment for.................................... *street*, $..................
"   "   " .... " "..................
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"   "   " .... " "..................

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preceding engage... requested to do so next Month.

We have received at this time a removal certificate from [illegible] Monthly Meeting in favor of Joseph L. Holmes and his wife Charlotte D. Holmes a [illegible], with their four minor children viz. Hattie L. Mabel D. Josephine E. and [illegible] H.
Our women's meeting concurring herein.

The subject of assessment on our meeting house property for taxes coming before us again we appoint Thomas [illegible] and James Dennis a committee to have the subject in charge and authorize them to draw on the treasurer for the payment of the tax, or take such other action in the matter as in their judgement seems best. They are requested to report their action to a future meeting.

Our beloved friend Ruth S. Murray attended this meeting and presented a certificate of unity with her ministry from N. York Monthly Meeting 5 mo 21 1878. Her company & religious labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign such minute as the women's meeting may give her embracing the substance of this.

Thomas J. [illegible]
Clerk

Third Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3mo. 26. 1879.—
The representatives are Wm. [illegible] Coffin and Samuel Austin who are present.

The Committee to extend care for the [illegible] Meeting not yet being ready to report are requested to do so next month.

The Committee on the subject of taxes [illegible] make the following report which is acceptable to this meeting. viz.

Report.

To Providence Monthly [illegible] of Friends.

The Committee appointed relative to the tax on the meeting house [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] have attended to the service and drawn from the Treasurer, Four hundred twenty nine & $\frac{27}{100}$ Dollars, and paid the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the Treasurer.

[illegible] [illegible] 21st 1877
Thomas [illegible] }
[illegible] [illegible] } Committee.

We appoint Thomas J. [illegible] and Samuel Austin a committee to examine and revise our list of membership and prepare an abstract of statistics for the information of the Yearly Meeting and report next month.

We have united with our women's meeting in receiving into membership Ann Maria [illegible] and her minor daughter Lucy.

Thomas J. [illegible], Clerk

Fourth Month

At a [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends held [illegible] [illegible]

The representatives are Calvin Knowles and Allen Jay who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting [illegible] [illegible] preparative meeting from which the following [illegible] has been adopted, which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and Daniel [illegible] whom we appoint as representatives.

The committee to [illegible] care for the Quarterly Meeting not yet being ready to report are continued another month.

The following report was received and accepted. viz

To [illegible] Monthly Meeting

Your committee appointed last month to revise the list of [illegible] members and prepare an abstract of statistics for the information of [illegible] [illegible] report [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ to their appointment [illegible] [illegible] statistics [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ready for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] meeting [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

by this record 244

Number of members last year (by revised list) [illegible]
Added since by certificate [illegible]

[illegible] Viz. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Holmes, Charlotte D. Holmes [illegible]
[illegible]
Added by request
Viz. Ann Maria Church & Lucy Church. 2
Births [illegible] 455
Less by number—
[illegible]
[illegible]
Disowned [illegible]
Died [illegible]
Viz. Mary [illegible] Smith, Eunice [illegible]
Mary A. S. Aldrich, Louisa Tiffany,
Jonathan [illegible] Benjamin Tiffany
Removals out [illegible]
Making our membership [illegible]

Providence [illegible] 23. 1879.
On behalf of the Committee
Thomas J. Battey

Our treasurer is directed to pay [illegible]

[illegible]
Arthur [illegible]
[illegible] having published at this time their intentions of marriage with each other as appears in the following communication from the parties. [illegible] Thomas Harkness and Thomas [illegible] to make the necessary [illegible] report [illegible] meeting.

Providence [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Friends [illegible]
Divine Permission and Friends approbation [illegible] intend marriage with each other [illegible]

Friends

[illegible]
[illegible] Gertrude Miner.

Answers to the Queries.

1st. Are our meetings for religious worship and discipline [illegible] [illegible] generally [illegible] [illegible] as we could desire. [illegible] nearly observed, no unbecoming behavior [illegible] [illegible]

Love and unity are maintained with little exception and we trust detraction is guarded against by most friends. When differences occur endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 3d

While many among us are careful to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] so far there is a remissness in others in regard to their important duties.

Ans. 4th.

[illegible] Scriptures individually as well as collectively [illegible] [illegible] known to a free gospel ministry with some exception

Ans 5.

So far as we know Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a christian character are [illegible] [illegible] a good degree of moderation [illegible] observed.

Ans. 6th

[illegible] and their necessities relieved. [illegible] is taken to Educate their children.

7th

We know of no violation of our [illegible]

[illegible] engaged in the useful occupations of [illegible] country.

Ans 8th

With some exceptions Friends generally conduct their affairs with [illegible] their [illegible] and are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and Careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9th Recording is attended to and care is taken with regard to [illegible]

Ans. 10th

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in christian tenderness timely and impartially and to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of truth [illegible] according to discipline.

Thomas J. Battey.

Fifth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 28, 1879. –

The representatives are Daniel Meader and Joseph H. Atwater who are present. The Committee to extend care for the Quarterly Meeting in 2nd mo. not being ready to report are requested to do so next month.

The committee appointed at our last meeting having made the needful inquiry report the clearness of Arthur T. Parker to proceed in marriage with Esserphine S. Miner & that he has the consent of his parents – We accordingly leave him at liberty to accomplish his intended marriage in accordance with our discipline, and we appoint Thomas J. Battey and Allen Jay to unite with a Committee of the women's meeting & extend the necessary care in the case, present the certificate for record and report at our next meeting.

At the request of the parties a meeting for the solemnization of said marriage is hereby appointed at this meeting house on 4th day the 11th of 6th mo. 1879 at 11 o'clock – the women's meeting concurring.

Our dear friend Allen Jay returned at this time the certificate granted him in the

Fifth Month.

5 mo. 1878 stating that he had attended to a portion of the service therein contemplated ~~for~~ in New England as way had opened in the accomplishment of which he had felt peace and satisfaction.

He presented returning minutes from New Bedford Quarterly Meeting of 7 mo 25, 1878; & Swansea Monthly Meeting of 8 mo 26, 1878. expressing satisfaction with his company & services: all of which is satisfactory to us.

Thomas J. Battey

Sixth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6 mo. 25. 1879.—

The representatives are Samuel [illegible] and Edwin Knowles one of whom is present.

The committee to extend care for the Quarterly Meeting in 2nd mo last reported that they [illegible] $3.50. The clerk is directed to notify the acceptance of their report.

The committee to attend the marriage of Arthur T. Perker and Josephine G. M[illegible] reported that they had attended to their appointment and that the marriage was conducted in harmony, and the certificate deposited for record.

We have authorized our clerk to sign on our behalf a removal certificate prepared by the women's meeting in favor of Martha [illegible] to [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends [illegible]

[illegible] Clerk

Seventh Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7 mo 30, 1879—

The representatives are Robert [illegible] and [illegible] who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thos. [illegible], Daniel [illegible] & James Dennis, whom we have appointed representatives.

The following communication was received through the Preparative Meeting [illegible] (see [illegible] page)

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While the Committee was fully sensible of the propriety of his withdrawal from the responsible position which he has so long and so acceptably filled, they deeply regretted his decision, and deem it but just to say at the close of his long term of service, that the financial affairs of the Institution have been conducted with great skill and success.

During his administration, the buildings and premises have been kept in good order and repair, and every year but one, in which a small loss occurred, a dividend has accrued for the benefit of the school.

A committee was appointed to nominate a successor, which committee, at a special meeting held Second Month 25th, reported, That they were unanimous in proposing the name of Augustine Jones as Principal for the ensuing year, which proposition, after serious consideration and a fervent appeal to our Father in Heaven, for His help in the important matter before us, was accepted, and he accordingly appointed to that situation for the year commencing in the Seventh Month next.

It is expected that the school will be continued on substantially the same basis as heretofore, nearly all the teachers previously employed having been already re-engaged.

The account of the Treasurer of the School Fund shows that he has received as

Income from the General Fund ($90,166 01,)	$5,709 50	
Received by him from the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting as income of $12,000, a Fund in his hands,	541 35	
From returned fire insurance premium, ...	228 50	
		$6,479 35

PAYMENTS.

Balance due the Treasurer last year, ...	$43 97	
Fire insurance premiums paid, ...	512 50	
Paid A. K. Smiley, Principal, on behalf of the school,	5,922 88	
		$6,479 35

FROM THE CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year, ...	$1,128 87	
Income from the Fund, (amounting to $33,137 50,)	2,301 70	
		$3,430 57

PAYMENTS.

School bills paid for twenty-three scholars, ...	$2,580 00	
Remaining in Treasurer's hands, ...	850 57	
		$3,430 57

The accounts of the Principal of the school show the following items of receipt and expenditure:

RECEIPTS.

Income received from the Treasurer of School Fund,	$5,922 88	
Income from board and tuition for the year, ...	37,314 62	
		$43,237 50

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries to teachers and officers,	$13,627 36	
Wages for labor,	5,865 44	
Provisions,	12,710 05	
Fuel and light,	2,455 89	
Water,	380 31	
Repairs and replacements,	5,597 83	
Incidentals, including periodicals, additions to library, medicines and postage,	487 16	
Estimated profits remaining,	2,113 46	
		$43,237 50

The tax upon the real estate for the year 1878, amounting to $2,963 80, has been paid from the accrued profits of the school.

Yearly Meeting Boarding School in account with Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer N. E. Y. Meeting.

1878.			
Sixth Month 5.	To balance from last year,	$2,568 06	
Sixth Month 5,	To dividend on bonds,	135 00	
Sixth Month 5.	To premium on gold,	1 18	
Eighth Mo. 7.	To amount re'd from A. K. Smiley,	2,256 90	
Ninth Mo. 2.	To dividend on bonds,	135 00	
Twelfth Mo. 5.	To dividend on bonds,	135 00	
1879.			
Third Month 3.	To dividend on bonds,	135 00	
Sixth Month 1.	To amount received for interest,	40 00	
			$5,406 14
1878.			
Sixth Month 11.	By amount paid A. K. Smiley, per order of Committee,	$2,568 06	
Eighth Mo. 22.	By amount paid City of Providence for curbing,	255 80	
Eleventh Mo. 11.	By amount paid Thos. Harkness, Treasurer School Fund,	271 18	
Twelfth Mo. 9.	By am't paid Thos. Harkness, do.	135 00	
1879.			
Third Mo. 3.	By am't paid Thos. Harkness, do.	135 00	
Sixth Mo. 3.	By amount paid A. K. Smiley, per order of Committee,	2,041 10	
			$5,406 14

Errors excepted.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr.,
Treas. N. E. Y. Meeting.

New Bedford, Sixth Month 3d, 1879.

The following list comprises the names of the officers and teachers for the year which will close on the 24th inst.:

Albert K. Smiley, Principal.

Daniel C. Maxfield. Governor and Teacher of English branches.

Thomas J. Battey, Teacher of Natural Sciences.

John M. Potter, Teacher of Mathematics.

Francis B. Gummere, Teacher of German and English branches, who had leave of absence for six months to pursue his studies in Germany, during which interval the place was filled by Clarkson Collins.

Seth K. Gifford, Teacher of Latin and Greek.

Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of Female Department.

Susan S. Moore, Governess and Teacher of English branches.

Bessie T. Wing, Teacher of French, History and Literature.

Martha G. Read, Teacher of Mathematics.

Mary Amy Collins and Elizabeth G. Wills, Teachers of English branches.

Sophia E. Pitman, Teacher of Drawing and Painting.

Allen Jay, Clerk and Accountant.

At our meeting in the Seventh Month a proposition to appoint a committee "to consider the rates of tuition fixed for admission to the school, and collateral questions affecting a proper consideration of this subject" was approved, and a committee appointed, who reported in the Fourth Month, the following rates, which the Clerk was directed to embody in the report to the Yearly Meeting.

For members of our Yearly Meeting, per annum, ...	$100 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of our religious society, ...	190 00
For all others who may be admitted, ...	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German or Drawing.

The committee having obtained access to a good likeness of the late Obadiah Brown, through whose liberality the school was so largely endowed, have caused to be painted a portrait of this early friend of the Institution, which has been placed in the reception room of the school, where also hangs a portrait of his venerable father, Moses Brown, its founder.

With an appreciation of our loss, we have to inform the Yearly Meeting that Benjamin Buffum and Edward W. Howland, two of the active and efficient members of the committee, have deceased during the year.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School.
Providence, Sixth Month, 3d, 1879.

Note.—The Autumn term begins Ninth Month 3d, 1879, and closes First Month 21st, 1880. Winter recess begins First Month 21st, 1880, and closes Second Month 4th, 1880. The Spring term begins Second Month 4th, 1880, and closes Sixth Month 22d, 1880.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 5th day of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, AUGUSTINE JONES, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Seventh Month.

To Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends.
I hereby request to be admitted a member of the religious society of Friends.
Very respectfully
Orren W. Kites.
Oneco, Ct. 7mo 1879.—

Whereupon we appoint James Dennis & Thomas J. Battey to have an interview with the applicant and report to our next meeting.

We have received and read at this time the report of the Boarding School Committee for 1877.

We have united with our women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting Mass in favor of Phebe R. Gifford, a minor.

We have also accepted a removal certificate from Chicago Monthly Meeting, Ill. in favor of Robert P. Gifford a Minister, with his wife Elizabeth H. & minor daughter Phebe E. Gifford, our women's meeting concurring.

We appoint Samuel Austin & Calvin Knowles a Committee to confer with George F. Folsom, now residing in San Jose Col. with reference to sending him a certificate of removal to the Monthly meeting in that place, and if no obstruction appears to present such certificate at a future meeting.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held but not so fully attended as we could desire, particularly on first day afternoon and in the middle of the week. The hour is nearly observed no unbecoming behavior noticed excepting occasionally some instances of sleeping.

Ans. 2d

We believe love and unity are maintained with little exception, and detraction guarded against by most Friends. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans 10th:

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially and to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of truth & according to discipline.

Thomas J. Battey Clerk.

Eighth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8mo. 27. 1879—.

The representatives are Robert P. Gifford and Wm G Coffin who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

The Committee appointed last month to consider the application of Orren W. Bates for membership reported as follows. viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends,

Your Committee appointed last month to have an interview with Orren W. Bates report that they have had a satisfactory interview with him, and are united in recommending that he be admitted a member of our religious Society.

James Dennis
Thomas J Battey } Committee.

Providence 8mo 27. 1879.

which is satisfactory to this meeting and he is accordingly admitted a member of our religious Society, our womens meeting concurring herein. We appoint Thomas J Battey to inform him of the action of the meeting in his case.

We have received from the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting the accompanying communication relative to a new apportionment of Stock by which it appears that our quota hereafter will be twenty eight per cent instead of forty-one percent as heretofore. (See margin for document

We have also received from the Quarterly Meeting's Clerk our quota of the minutes of the late Yearly Meeting for distribution among our members.

Thomas J. Battey— Clerk.

Ninth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held [illegible]

The representatives are Thomas [illegible] and Calvin [illegible], who are present.

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON.
CHAS. D. BUFFINTON.

S. R. BUFFINTON & CO.

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OFFICES.
No. 55 North Main Street.
Cor, South Main & Globe Sts,

YARD.
No. 22 Davol Street.
P. O. Box 644,

Fall River, Mass. 8 Mo 24th 1879

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

The committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to consider the subject of a new apportionment of Quarterly Meeting Stock among the several Monthly Meetings. Made a report. Which was satisfactory and accepted by that Meeting; And the several Mo Mtgs are requested to forward hereafter the amount assigned them under the new Apportionment of Quarterly Meeting Stock

Providence Monthly Meetings quota will hereafter be Twenty Eight (28) per cent instead of Forty one as heretofore —

Taken from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 Mo 7th 1879

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Ninth Month.

[illegible]

Thomas J. Battey to unite with such as the women's

[illegible]

[illegible]

as overseers of Society and overseers of the poor.

The same friends are also requested to propose the names of caretakers of meeting houses, minutes and burial grounds and [illegible] relating to the recorder.

We ap[illegible]

Frederic J. Walled, a committee to Audit & settle the treasurer's Account, to propose the name of a friend for treasurer, and also of friends to serve this meeting as clerk, assistant clerk, auditor and recorder.

We are informed by our women's meeting that they have released Ida D. Atwater from membership

[illegible]

[illegible]

Thomas J. Battey Clerk.

Tenth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

[illegible]

[illegible] representatives are

[illegible]

who are present.

The committee appointed to bring forward names for Clerk and assistant and for other purposes presented the following report which was accepted and the friends therein named are appointed to their respective offices for one year or until another appointment.

Report.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting.

We your committee to examine and settle the treasurer's account and for other purposes report. We have examined the account and find a balance in his hands in favor of Burial Ground Account (8.03) [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] poor

of the Poor Fund [illegible] (236.69) [illegible] dollars

sixty nine cents.

We also find a balance due the treasurer

[illegible] Meeting [illegible] ($214.26) two hundred

fourteen Dollars twenty six cents.

And we propose the following named friends

as officers of Society as designated,

Viz: for Treasurer Thomas Harkness

for Auditors James Dennis and Edwin Knowles

for Clerk Thomas J. Battey

Assistant Clerk Edwin Knowles

for Recorder Samuel Austin.

Providence 10 mo. 23. 1877

James Dennis } for the Committee
Alice [illegible] }

[illegible]

[illegible] forward to the Quarterly Meeting

[illegible]

[illegible]

The following report was received [illegible]

To Providence Monthly Meeting.—

The Committee to bring forward names

[illegible]

[illegible]

For Overseers of Society.—

James Dennis Thomas J. Battey

Susannah J. Peckham Anna J. Dennis

Mary Metcalf James Estes

John M. Meader Anna Meader

— For Overseers of the Poor —

Edwin Knowles Thomas J. Battey

Dorcas B. Robinson Ellen K. [illegible]

[illegible]

James Estes [illegible]

Thomas [illegible] } for the Committee
Sarah J. [illegible] }

[illegible] 24. 1877.—

[illegible]

the friends there [illegible]

their respective [illegible]

[illegible] Petition
[illegible] appointment –

The following was also received and the friends therein named are likewise appointed for one year or until another appointment, viz.*

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting [illegible] our quota of the London General Epistle for 1877, which we direct distributed among our members.

Thomas J. Battey is appointed to transfer the [illegible] [illegible] now appointed to that office.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, but not so [illegible] [illegible] attend them duly. The hour is nearly observed. [illegible]

Ans 2nd

[illegible] little exception, and we trust detraction is [illegible] ~~arise~~ occur endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 10th

[illegible] impartially and to place judgment, when [illegible] according to discipline.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

* [illegible] and burial grounds &c. report as follows.
Caretakers for Providence & Scituate.
[illegible]
Joseph H. Atwater, Robert B. [illegible].

[illegible]

Daniel Meader James Estes
John C. Meader Committee;

For Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder
Daniel Meader - James Estes - Calvin Knowles
Thomas J. Battey

For the Committee,
Thomas [illegible]

[illegible] mo. 24 1879.

Eleventh Month

[illegible]

11 mo. 26. 1879.

The representatives are [illegible] Dennis and Robert J. Gifford who are present.

[illegible] Meeting report that they attended.

Thomas J. Battey reported that he had [illegible] [illegible] concur, to the present Recorders in appointment [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]boro Monthly Meeting, New York, we appoint Thomas J. Battey and Thomas [illegible] to unite with a committee of the womens meeting and prepare a certificate on their behalf if no obstruction appears, and present it at our next meeting.

Samuel [illegible] [illegible] committee appointed in the 7th mo. last presented the following [illegible] San Jose Monthly Meeting [illegible] this meeting approves [illegible] the women friends concurring. Viz:

To San Jose Monthly Meeting of Friends,
California.

Dear Friends.

[illegible]

[illegible]
benate.

[illegible]
Christian care and oversight and remain
with love your friends.

Signed on behalf of
Providence Monthly meeting of Friends, held
16th 11th month 1879.

[illegible]
Louisa [illegible] } Clerks

Thos Harkness, Correspondent.

The subject of discontinuing the afternoon
meeting on the first day of the week in Providence
[illegible] the attention of this meeting it
is concluded to discontinue the same for six
months the women's meeting concurring.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

Twelfth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held
12 mo. 24, 1879 —

The representatives were present [illegible]
and [illegible]

The committee appointed last month for that
purpose presented the following [illegible]
[illegible]
To [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends [illegible]
Dear Friends [illegible] Timothy with his wife [illegible]
P. Smith [illegible] within your
limits [illegible] certificate [illegible]
This therefore may certify that they are members
of our religious Society and so far as appears have
settled their outward affairs to satisfaction. Accordingly
we recommend them to your Christian care
and remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Providence
Monthly Meeting of Friends R.I. held [illegible]

Thos J. Battey
Louisa [illegible] } Clerks.

[illegible] correspondent.

Which is accepted by the meeting and after being
signed as above is directed to be forwarded to the
aforesaid Monthly Meeting.

[illegible] attended this meeting and

Twelfth Month.

presented a certificate of unity with him as a minister united with his present religious engagement from Albion Monthly Meetings of Friends Iowa held 8 mo. 2, 1879 & endorsed by Bangor Quarterly Meeting of the same state, held 8 mo 23, 1879.

His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

We have received from the [illegible] clerk the following minute relative to stock, viz

"At Providence [illegible] Meeting of Friends.
At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich [illegible] 1879, it was concluded to raise for the use of this meeting Nine hundred and fifty (950) dollars and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportion of that sum & forward to our Treasurer.

Samuel R. Buffinton, Clerk

The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting under the above apportionment is [illegible] 38 per cent."

It is accordingly concluded to raise for the use of the Quarterly meeting the sum of [illegible] dollars and Thomas Harkness, Thomas J. Battey, Calvin Knowles, [illegible] Daniel Meader are appointed to collect and pay our treasurer that amount.

Thomas J. Battey Clerk

First Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo. 28, 1880.–

The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Allen Jay and Robert P. Gifford; are present.

In the absence of the clerk Samuel Austin is appointed for the day.

The Queries have been read and answers adopted to the 1st, 2nd & 10th which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Daniel Meader, Thomas Harkness and Samuel Austin whom we appoint to attend as representatives.

First Month 1880. Continued

We appoint Wm. G. Coffin, Joseph [illegible] and Samuel Austin to make the needful arrangement for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting; to report next month.

Samuel Austin,
Clerk for the day

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline, have been regularly held. On First-day they are duly attended by most Friends. In the middle of the week not so well attended. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed.

Ans. 2nd.

Love and unity are maintained with little exception, and we believe detraction is guarded against by most Friends. When differences occur, endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 10th.

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially, and to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of truth and according to discipline.

Second Month 1880

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held [illegible] 1880.

The representatives are Wm. G. Coffin and Robert B. Hanson, who are present. The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended. The Committee appointed last month to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, reported their attention to the same, & that they had incurred an expense of [illegible] Dollars and fifty cents, which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the Clerk is directed to [illegible] the acceptance of the same.

Arthur T. Parker, having removed to reside within the Limits of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, R.I. requests a certificate. We appoint [illegible] & Samuel Austin to prepare one & present at our next meeting if no obstruction appears.

(Second Month 1880, continued).

We have united with our women friends in sending a removal certificate to New Bedford Monthly Meeting, Mass. [illegible] The following request for membership was received at this time viz

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

I hereby request to be admitted a member of your religious Society.

Yours respectfully,

Thomas [illegible]

Providence [illegible]

Whereupon we appoint Robert [illegible] and Robert [illegible] to have an interview with the applicant & report their judgment in his case to our next meeting.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

Third Month 1880

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo. 24, 1880.

The representatives are [illegible] and [illegible] all are present.

The committee appointed last month on the application of Arthur S. Parker for a removal certificate produced the following:

To Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends, R.I.

Dear Friends,

Arthur S. Parker having removed to reside within your limits requests our certificate. This may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our religious Society & has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction so far as appears. We recommend him to your Christian care [illegible] your friends,

Signed by direction of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends R.I. held 3 mo. 24, 1880.

Which is approved by the meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf & forward it to Greenwich Mo. Meeting, our women's meeting

The committee on the application of [illegible] for membership reported that they had attended to the subject but not feeling ready to make a final report they are continued another month.

We appoint Samuel Austin [illegible] [illegible] Meader a committee to examine [illegible] [illegible] and prepare an abstract of statistics for the information of the Yearly Meeting and report next month.

[illegible] Clerk

Fourth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held [illegible]

The representatives are Wm. S. Gifford and Calvin Knowles who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers from our Preparative Meeting from which the following summary has been adopted which we direct forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness, Allen Jay, and Daniel [illegible] whom we have appointed representatives and they are requested to meet at the meetinghouse on [illegible] [illegible]

The following report was received and accepted, viz.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting.
Dear Friends,
Your Committee appointed last month [illegible] to their appointment, and present the following [illegible]

Signed by request, [illegible]
[illegible] on behalf, Phebe R. Gifford

[illegible]

[illegible] P. [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] " [illegible] "

Births [illegible] Hanson, D. Edward [illegible], and 2 - 7

Deceased Nathan Robinson, Benjamin [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] P. [illegible]

Removed, Martha S. Peat, Robert K. Smiley, Eliza P. Smiley, Rebecca C. Smiley, George S. [illegible] & Arthur S. Parker. 8 5

Released John C. Atwater 1 - 12

On behalf of the Committee

[illegible]

The following request was received at this time by

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Please send a removal certificate for Daniel C. Hatfield Alice H. Hatfield and their children Francis A. Hatfield & D. Edward Hatfield, to Seabrook [illegible]

Daniel C. Hatfield

3 mo 24 [illegible]"

[illegible]

[illegible] committee of our womens meeting, and [illegible] suitable certificate to our next meeting [illegible] affairs.

This meeting directs our treasurer to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our proportion [illegible] meeting stock raised for in the 11th mo last [illegible] with our womens meeting in receiving [illegible] certificate from South Kingston Monthly Meeting [illegible] Mary H. Collins and her two [illegible] children [illegible] & Peter C. Collins.

[illegible]

Answers to the Queries.

No. 1st

[illegible] have been regularly held [illegible] there seems to be an [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Love and unity are maintained with little exception and we trust detraction is guarded against by most friends. When differences occur endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 3rd While many among us are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation endeavoring by example and precept to encourage the same in their children, we fear that there is remissness in others in regard to these important duties.

Ans. 4th

We believe friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, encouraging their children and others in this [illegible] duty. And with some exceptions maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

Ans 5.

So far as we know friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character are mostly avoided and we believe a good degree of moderation in all things is generally observed.

[illegible]

The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their children.

[illegible]

to the several particulars of this query.

Ans. 8th

We believe most friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to [illegible] and careful to live within the bounds of their [illegible]

[illegible]

Recording is attended to and care is taken with [illegible]

[illegible] when it appears necessary [illegible]

[illegible]

Fifth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 26. 1880.

The representatives are Calvin Knowles and Robert P. Gifford, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee appointed last month to unite with a similar one from the womens meeting in preparing a removal certificate for Daniel [illegible] and family, present [illegible] which is acceptable and the [illegible] to sign it on our [illegible] recording herein. Viz.

To Seabrook Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends,

Daniel C. Maxfield and his wife Alice H. Maxfield, having removed from our meeting to reside within your limits request our certificate of membership for themselves and [illegible] children [illegible] Edward Maxfield.

This may certify that they are members of our religious society and have [illegible] so far as appears. We therefore recommend them [illegible]

remain your friends

[illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 26. 1880.

The following communication was received and accepted, viz.

[illegible] after giving attention to the subject are united in [illegible]

[illegible] retain her in membership now and we recommend that the case be dismissed.

On behalf of the Committee
Allen Ja[illegible]
Robert P. Gifford
Robert W. K[illegible]
[illegible]
" " Clerk.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held [illegible] 11 [illegible]

The representatives [illegible]
[illegible] James [illegible]

The Trustees of the Charles [illegible] Fund having at this time requested the privilege of erecting a small room adjoining this meeting house for their use as a book-room, this meeting is united in granting their request and they are allowed to go forward and erect the same with the approval of the [illegible] meeting [illegible] property [illegible]

Our friend Thomas Chase, having requested a removal certificate to Springfield Monthly Meeting Kansas, we appoint Samuel Austin and Calvin Knowles to prepare one and present to our next Monthly Meeting if nothing appears to prevent.

Our friend Deborah C. Thomas attended this meeting and presented a certificate of unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement from Baltimore Monthly Meeting endorsed by Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, Md. Her company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Margaret H. White, an elder, was also present as a companion to Deborah C. Thomas and duly accredited from the same Mo. Meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign such returning minutes as our women friends shall give them embodying the substance of these.

It is decided that the hour of holding the first day afternoon meeting in Providence be three o'clock throughout the year.

Thomas J. Battey.
Clerk.

Seventh Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7 mo. 28, 1880 —

The representatives are Robert P. Gifford and James Dennis Jr. who are present.

The clerk being absent Robert P. Gifford was appointed clerk for the day.

The Queries were read and answers approved to the 1st, 2nd & 10th which were directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends Thomas Harkness, Daniel Meader and James Dennis whom we have appointed our representatives.

One of the Committee appointed at our last meeting to prepare a removal certificate for Thomas Chase, informed that one had been prepared but as it was not presented the Committee are continued to report next month.

The annual report of our Yearly Meeting Boarding School was received and read.

Robert P. Gifford,
Clerk for the day.

Answers to the Queries

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, but not so fully attended as we could desire. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed except some appearance of sleeping.

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity are maintained with some exception and detraction guarded against by most of our members. When differences occur endeavors are used to end them.

Ans 10th

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in christian tenderness timely and impartially and to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of truth and according to discipline.

REPORT

OF THE PROVIDENCE

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIXTH MONTH, 1880.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In again presenting their Annual Report, the School Committee can but reïterate the expression of former years, that, under the new administration, as heretofore, the School has pursued the even tenor of its way, and in its progress and general management has received the approval of the Committee.

The religious feeling, to which we alluded with interest in the Report of last year, has continued, and we can indorse the expression of the Principal in his last Report to us, that in moral tone and the honorable observance of the needful regulations of the School, it has improved during the year.

The number of scholars for the Autumn Term was 184; and for the Spring Term has been 160.

The Meetings on First and Fourth-days have been continued, and from the Reports of the several members of the Committee who have had the privilege of attending them, we are satisfied that many of them are favored seasons.

With the exception of a comparatively few mild cases of scarlet fever, the health of the scholars and family has been good. Notwithstanding the mildness of the disease, numbers of scholars were withdrawn from the School; this interruption increased the labor of the management, and has also affected the aggregate attendance.

The Yearly Meeting last year authorized some changes in the rates to be charged for admission to the School; but as the circulars had necessarily been sent out by the Principal before the action by the Yearly Meeting, and applications from scholars, predicated on the former rates, had been received, the Committee judged it expedient to suspend the operation of the change until the issuance of a new circular setting forth those changes; and report their action to the Yearly Meeting.

Some changes in the way of improvements, such as the erection of a room 17 by 22½ feet. immediately connected with the house, with ample water closet arrangements for the convenience of the boys, and a largely increased improvement in the sewerage, by connecting the drains from the house with the main sewer on Hope Street, 700 feet distant, have been made since our last Report. The gymnasium building. which had become dilapidated and unsightly, has been put in good order, with new ceilings and floor, and is now a comfortable and healthy resort for the boys, especially in inclement weather.

The following list contains the names of the officers and teachers for the year which will close on the 22d inst.

Augustine Jones, Principal.
Amy E. Johnson, Principal of Girls' Department.
John W. Freese, Governor and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess and English Studies.
Thomas J. Battey, Natural Science.
John M. Potter, Higher Mathematics.
Francis B. Gummere, Mental Science and German, Autumn Term.
Seth K. Gifford, Greek and Latin.
Henry Wood, English Literature and German.
Clarkson Collins, Mental Science and German, Autumn Term.
Austin B. Fletcher, Reading and Elocution, Autumn Term.
Bessie T. Wing, French, History and Literature.
Mary Amy Collins, English Studies.
S. Elma Gifford, Mathematics.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal Culture.
Allen Jay, Secretary and Book Keeper.

From the account of the Treasurer of the School Fund, as reported by the Auditing Committee, we find that he has received as

Income from the General Fund, ...	$5,923 87	
Income received from fund in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, ...	495 00	
Received from return premiums of insurance, ...	396 25	
		$6,815 12

PAYMENTS,

Paid insurance premiums, ...	$575 00	
Paid Augustine Jones, Superintendent, for receipts, .	6,240 12	
		$6,815 12

CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year, ...	$850 57	
Income, ...	2,374 01	
		$3,224 58

PAYMENTS.

Paid school bills,	$2,100 00	
Balance on hand,	1,124 58	
		$3.224 58

The following items of receipt and expenditure appear from the accounts of the Principal:

RECEIPTS.

Income from the Treasurer of the School Fund,	$6,240 12	
Income from board and tuition,	31,302 45	
Received from Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting from funds belonging to the School, arising from sales of land, and held by him, to pay city tax,	2,861 60	
Received from same fund in aid of improvements and additions,	2,000 00	
		$42.404 17

EXPENDITURES.

Allowance to A. K. Smiley, in settlement, for change in duration of term, and for articles purchased of him,	$874 00	
Cost of sewer connection with Hope Street, 700 feet,	1,279 63	
Cost of new building, including water closets and concreting,	2,096 23	
City tax on school property,	2,861 60	
City sewer assessment on Hope Street front,	349 13	
Salaries to teachers and officers,	12,668 00	
Wages paid for labor and servants' hire,	5,745 23	
Provisions,	10,789 39	
Repairs and replacements,	2,004 10	
Fuel and light,	2,364 04	
Water,	310 30	
Incidentals, including periodicals, additions to library, medicines and postage,	451 34	
Estimated balance remaining,	611 18	
		$42,404 17

From the above statement it appears that the income received for board and tuition falls short of the amount realized the year previous by about six thousand dollars. It will also be seen that it became necessary to use about five thousand dollars of the fund arising from sales of land, in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, in the payment of the tax upon the school property, and in aid of the permanent improvements reported.

The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting reports, that he has received

From coupons on bonds,	$495 00	
From proceeds of sale of five U. S. Bonds,	5,353 12	
		$5,848 12

PAYMENTS.

Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of School Fund, . . .	$495 00	
Augustine Jones, per order of Committee, ...	4,861 60	
Two small bills, printing, etc., ...	4 60	
Balance on hand to new account	486 92	
		$5,848 12

The Committee submit the following proposition for rates to be charged for admission to the School the coming year, viz:

For members of our Yearly Meeting, ...	$125 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, ...	$225 00
For all others who may be admitted, ...	$300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars, each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

In conclusion, we acknowledge with grateful feelings that, while we entered upon our interesting engagement with anxiousness, in consequence of the change of Principal of the School, we can now as the year draws to its close, express our cordial appreciation of the devoted faithfulness of our new Principal, and with thankfulness for the Divine blessing upon the School in time past, we humbly invoke the same favor in the future.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jun., *Clerk.*

Boarding School.
Providence, Sixth Month 1st, 1880.

Note.—The Autumn term begins Ninth Month 1st, 1880, and closes First Month 19th, 1881. Winter recess begins First Month 21st, and closes Second Month 2d. The Spring term begins Second Month 2d, and closes Sixth Month 21st, 1881.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 3d day of the Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address. Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Eighth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8 mo. 25. 1886.

By the account from our preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this meeting are Calvin Knowles and Samuel Austin who are present.

In the absence of the clerk Robert P. Gifford was appointed clerk for the day. The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

The Committee appointed for the purpose have presented the following certificate of removal in favor of our friend Thomas Chase which is accepted and the clerk is directed to sign the same and forward to its destination, the women's meeting concurring. *

Received a request from Isaac Sutton for a certificate of his clearness to proceed in marriage with a member of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, whereupon we appoint Samuel Austin and Thos. Harkness to make the necessary enquiry in his case and if nothing prevents, prepare a certificate on his behalf, and present the same to our next meeting.

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting's Clerk our quota of the minutes of the late Yearly Meeting for distribution as usual.

We have united with the women's meeting in granting the request of Anna J. Tuld to be released from membership she having joined another religious society.

Robert P. Gifford,
Clerk for the day.

* Removal certificate, omitted above by mistake.

To Springfield Monthly Meeting Kansas.

Dear Friends,

Thomas Chase a member of this meeting, having removed to reside within your limits desires our certificate.

This therefore may inform you that upon inquiry made it appears that his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction, and that there is no obstruction it to issuing this certificate in his behalf. We recommend to your christian care and are your friends.

Signed on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 25th of 8th mo 1880.

Robert P. Gifford
Clerk for the day.

Ninth Month 1880.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo. 29. 1880.

The representatives are Robert P. Gifford and Wm G. Coffin who are present. The Committee appointed last month on Isaac Sutton's case presented the following certificate which is acceptable to this & the women's meeting and is directed signed on our behalf. viz.—

"To South Kingston Monthly meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends,

Isaac Sutton, a member of this meeting has communicated to us his intention of marriage with a member of your mo. meeting We hereby certify on his behalf, that due attention has been paid to the rules to be observed on such occasions & no objection arising, we leave him at liberty for further proceedings in regard to his intended marriage and remain, with love, our friends.

Signed on behalf Providence Monthly meeting of Friends held 9mo. 29, 1880."

We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Allen Jay, and John H. Meader, to unite with such as the women's meeting may name, and present at our next meeting the names of friends to serve this meeting as overseers of Society and overseers of the poor.

The same friends are also requested to propose the names of caretakers of meeting houses, funerals and burial grounds and reporters of births and deaths to the recorder.

We also appoint James [illegible] Wm G. Coffin and Robert B. [illegible] to audit and settle the Treasurers account, to present the name of a friend for treasurer, and also of friends to serve this meeting as clerk, assistant clerk, Auditors and recorder.

We have united with our womens meeting in releasing from membership Louisa N. Green, and in sending certificates of removal to Caroline A. Golding & her son Edwin C. Golding Liberty Monthly Meeting Iowa; Lydia A. Bowen Smithfield Monthly Meeting R.I. and Mary C. Babcock Newport R.I.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Tenth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10 mo. 27th 1880.—

The representatives are Robert B. Hanson and James Dennis jr. one of whom is present.

The following report was received viz.—

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

We your committee to examine and settle the treasurer's account and for other purposes, report.

We have examined and settled the treasurer's account and find in his hands on Monthly Meeting Account a balance of Twenty five Dollars and Thirty cents— On Burying Ground Account, Thirty-nine Dollars and three cents. On Deborah H. Jenks Account Two hundred seventeen Dollars and Ninety-eight cents. On School Fund Account One hundred and three Dollars and Thirteen Cents. And we propose the following named friends for officers of Society for the ensuing year viz.

For Treasurer Thomas Harkness, For Auditors James Dennis and Wm G. Coffin. For Clerk. Thomas J. Battey, Assistant Calvin Knowles. Recorder Samuel Austin.

Providence 10 mo. 27th 1880.

James Dennis
for the Committee.

which is satisfactory to this meeting and the friends therein named are appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second & tenth from our preparative meeting;

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which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness James Dennis, and Daniel Meader whom we have appointed our representatives.

The following report was received, viz.—
Prov. 10mo. 27. 1880

To the Monthly Meeting.

We the committee appointed for the purpose propose the following named friends to serve as herein specified.

Overseers of Society. James Dennis, Thomas J. Battey, Hannah J. Peckham Anna T. Dennis, Mary Metcalf Daniel Meader, John H. Meader, Anna A. Meader. Overseers of the poor. Calvin Knowles Thomas J. Battey Dorcas B. Robinson Ellen K. Buffum Daniel Meader Louisa N. Meader, John H. Meader Celinda Metcalf.

Which is acceptable to this meeting and the friends named are appointed to their respective Stations for one year or until another appointment.

For the Committee
Robert P. Gifford.

The following was also received and accepted and the friends named are likewise appointed to the offices designated for one year or until another appointment.

The committee on nominations for Caretakers of meeting houses, &c. report the following.

For Caretakers of meeting houses Funerals & burial grounds.

Providence and Scituate James Dennis Samuel Austin, Calvin Knowles Joseph H. Atwaterd Robert B Hanson.

Smithfield and Cumberland Daniel Meader James Estes John H. Meader, Henry Metcalf.

Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder, Daniel Meader, James Estes, Calvin Knowles & Thos. J. Battey.

For the Committee
Robert P. Gifford.

Tenth Month 1880.

We have united with our womens meeting in sending a removal certificate to San Jose Monthly Meeting California in favor of Eunice Allen and her minor son Daniel Allen. Also one to Le Grand monthly meeting Iowa in favor of A. Maria Church and her minor daughter Lucy Church.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held. Most Friends attend them duly and at the hour appointed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity are maintained with little exception and we believe detraction is guarded against by most. When differences occur endeavors are used to end them.

Ans 10th

Friends Endeavor to administer the discipline as required and to place judgment when necessary in the authority of truth and according to discipline.

Thomas J. Battey Clerk.

Eleventh Month.

At Providence Monthly of Friends, held 11th mo. 24. 1880.

The representatives are Wm. S. Coffin, and James Dennis, Jr. one of whom is present, and a sufficient reason has been assigned for the absence of the other.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

We have received at this time, through the Quarterly Meetings clerk, our quota of the London General Epistle for 1880, for distribution; And one of them has been read to our comfort and instruction. It is advised that this epistle see margin

The following request for membership having been received at this time, we appoint Thomas Harkness and Robert P. Gifford to unite with a similar committee of the women's meeting in visiting the applicants, and report their judgment

be read at the close of the meeting for worship on 1st day morning, in each of our particular meetings in the case to our next meeting viz.

"To Providence Monthly meeting.

Dear Friends

Having felt for sometime that it would be right for us to become members of some religious Society, we have now after due consideration come to the conclusion that it would be right to join the Society of Friends. We, therefore, for ourselves and minor child, Myron Prescott Potter, request to be admitted members of your society.

In love your friends.

Providence, R.I.
1st mo. 24. 1880.

J. Myron Potter
Josephine T. Potter."

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Twelfth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th Month 27th 1880:

The representatives are Robert B. Munson and Thomas J. Battey, who are present.

The committee appointed last month to consider the application of J. Myron Potter and wife for membership presented the following report: viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends:

The Committee on the request of John Myron Potter and his wife, Josephine Titcomb Potter for themselves and their minor child, Myron Prescott Potter to be admitted members of our Religious Society. Report attendance to their appointment, and having had a comfortable opportunity with them in relation to their request which appeared to be sincere and from religious conviction, we trust it would be right to receive them into membership.

Providence 12 mo. 16, 1880.

Thomas Harkness.
Robert P. Gifford
Ellen K. Buffum
Martha A. Jay.

which has been fully united with in concurrence with our womens meeting and the applicants are accordingly received into membership with us. and Thomas J. Battey is appointed to inform them of the action of the meeting in their case.

The following minute relative to stock has been received from the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, viz:

"To Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Fall River 11 mo. 4th 1880, it was concluded to raise the sum of Nine hundred ($900.) dollars for the use of that meeting and the several Monthly Meetings were requested to forward their proportion of that sum to James Dennis, its treasurer. The quota of Providence Mo. meeting is 28 % $252.

Taken from the minutes of the said Quarterly Meeting;

Samuel R. Buffinton,
Clerk."

It is accordingly concluded to raise for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting the sum of Seven hundred dollars ($700., and James W. Dennis, Calvin Knowles, Thomas Harkness, and Daniel Meader, are appointed to collect and pay our treasurer that amount.

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in releasing, at her request Mabel D. Holmes from membership.

Daniel Meader and Thomas Harkness are appointed to attend to such repairs on the meeting house buildings at Cumberland, and make such disposition of the wood on the lot, as may be required and report at a future meeting.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

First Month 1881.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo. 26, 1881:

The representatives are Wm Y. Coffin and Robert P. Gifford who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st, 2nd & 10th a summary of which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Robert P. Gifford James Dennis and Thomas Harkness, whom we have appointed our representatives.

Thomas J. Battey reported that he had informed Jellyron Potter and family of their admission to Membership.

We appoint Samuel Austin and James Dennis Jr. to make the needful arrangements for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, and report next month.

Information having been received that Ahaz Bassett desires a removal certificate to Bolton Monthly Meeting, Mass. we appoint Thomas J. Battey and Samuel Austin to make the necessary inquiries in his case and if no obstruction appears, present a certificate at our next meeting.

We have united with our womens meeting in receiving Frances L. Bucher into membership with us.

Answers to Queries.

Ans. 1st:

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline, have been regularly held, duly attended by most friends, and at the hour appointed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

Ans. 2nd:

Love and unity are maintained with little exception, and we believe detraction is guarded against. When differences arise, endeavors are used to end them.

Ans 10:

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline as required and to place judgment when necessary in the authority of truth and according to discipline

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk,

Second Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2 mo. 23rd 1881.

The representatives are Thomas Harkness and James Dennis, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee on Quarterly Meeting accommodations failing to report at this time are continued.

The committee appointed for the purpose last month presented the following removal certificate which is acceptable and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf, our women's meeting concurring. *

Thomas Harkness and Thomas J. Battey are appointed in accordance with the request of our last Yearly Meeting, to assist in raising funds for our Foreign Mission work on Mt. Lebanon.

Information having been received that Eunice Allen for whom a certificate of removal was issued 10th month last, resides in Blacksburg, Humboldt Co. California, and that it is not desirable for her to receive a certificate at present, this meeting in concurrence with our women friends hereby annuls its action as recorded under that date

* Removal certificate omitted above.

To Bolton Monthly Meeting of Friends, Mass.

Dear Friends,

Ahaz Bassett, having removed to reside within your limits, requests our certificate. This may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our religious society, and has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears. We, therefore, commend him to your christian care and oversight, and remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 2 mo. 23rd 1881.

Thomas J. Battey.
Clerk

Third Month 1881.

At Providence

Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d month [illegible] 1881.

From the account received from the Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this meeting are [illegible] [illegible] and Saml Austin; who are present.

The clerk being absent, Saml Austin is appointed clerk for the day.

The committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported attention to the subject, and that they incurred on this account an expense of six & 50/100 dollars. The clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of said report by this meeting.

We appoint Thomas J. Battey, Daniel Meader & Saml Austin a committee to revise the list of our members & prepare an abstract & statistics for the information of the Yearly Meeting and report to this in time for the ensuing Quarterly Meeting

Samuel Austin clerk for the day

Fourth Month 1881.

At Providence

Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th month 27th 1881.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this meeting are Daniel Meader and Saml Austin; who are present.

The clerk being absent Saml Austin is appointed clerk for the day.

The Queries have been read with answers from the Preparative Meeting. We have adopted the following answers which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by Daniel Meader, Allen Jay & [illegible] whom we have appointed to attend as representatives.

We are informed that our Treasurer has paid to the Quarterly Meeting's Treas our proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock.

The committee appointed in the second month last for that purpose reported as follows

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

The committee to collect money for the Girls' Training Home on Mt. Lebanon, Report they have collected and forwarded to George Howland Jr. Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting's committee, two hundred sixteen 50/100 dollars for that purpose.

4 mo. 25th 1881. For the committee {Thomas [illegible]
Ellen R. Buffum"

Fourth Month 1881.

The committee appointed last month on statistics reported as follows. The clerk for the day is directed to sign & forward to the Quarterly Meeting the substance of said report.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

The committee appointed last month on statistics report as follows.

The No. of members reported last year 242

Since added by certificate three, viz. Mary R. Collins, Lillian & Peleg C. Collins 3

On request, 4, namely Jennie Allyn Potter Josephine S. Potter & Myron Prescott & Frances M. Baker 4

One birth Hanson 1

One omission last yr Martha Farnum 1

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From which deduct as follows

Removals out Danl & Alice Maxfield & their two children; Emma Chase, Caroline A. Golden & son Edwin C., Lydia Ann Bowen, Mary C. Babcock, Maria Church with dau. Lucy, Ahaz Bassett & Arthur S. Parker 13.

Members deceased, Dorcas Paine, Olive Mann, Elizabeth Meader Martha Farnum, Daniel Allen, Robt W. Steere Eley Ann Chase, Nelson Ann L. Hanson, George C. Hanson, Asenath Metcalf. 10.

Released from membership 3. Anna J. Field, Louisa M. Greene & Mabel D. Holmes 3.

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& allowing for a slight omission last year

our present No. is 227.

Elizabeth Meader died 1st mo. 23 1881, aged 87 y. 9 mo. 23 ds, a minister of the gospel upwards of 65 yrs

Providence 27th 4th mo. 1881, For the committee

Samuel Austin

P.S. As a part of this report, the committee present a list of our present members inserted in the book for that purpose kept at the meeting house in Providence"

Answers to the Queries.

1st. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been regularly held, with the exception of one small meeting on a First day. Those on First day morning are attended by Friends generally; in the afternoon of First day & in the middle of the week they are much neglected. Friends attend at the time appointed, & behave in a becoming manner.

Ans. 2d. Love & unity are maintained with some exception, and we believe most Friends guard against detraction. When differences occur, endeavors are used to end them

Ans. 3d We trust Friends are watchful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to endeavor to bring up those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession

Ans. 4th We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually, as well as collectively in their families, encouraging their children and others in this important duty; and that, with little exception, our testimony to a free Gospel ministry is maintained

Ans. 5th Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character are mostly avoided; and we believe a good degree of moderation in all things is generally observed.

Ans. 6th The circumstances of the poor are inspected & their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their children.

Ans. 7th We know of no violation of our testimony in regard to the several particulars of this query.

Ans. 8th We believe most Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and to settle their accounts; that they are punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9th Recording is attended to, and care is taken with regard to certificates.

Ans. 10th Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially, and to place judgment, when it appears necessary, in the authority of truth and according to discipline

Samuel Austin, Clerk for the day

Fifth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 25 1881:

The representatives to the Monthly Meeting are Samuel Austin & Wm G. Coffin, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended to their appointment.

Thomas J. Battey Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

PROVIDENCE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

SIXTH MONTH, 1881.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting their Annual Report, the School Committee repeat what they have said again and again, that, during the past year, the School has gone on very much to their satisfaction; the religious feeling to which we have referred with so much interest in several of our reports continues to increase, and is, we believe, under the Divine hand in its influence and results, not only a blessing to those immediately participating in the service, but is also a powerful means of good in all departments of the institution.

The average number of scholars for the year has been, for the Autumn Term, 89 boys and 83 girls; and for the Spring Term, 74 boys and 79 girls.

For the first few months after the opening of the School in Ninth Month, the health of the family was as good as usual; but the prevalence of measles during Second and Third Months interfered with the regular attendance of the scholars, and with their progress in study, while it drew heavily upon the sympathy and added greatly to the labors of the Principal. Since that time the standard of health has been uniformly good.

There have been four deaths at the Institution during the Spring Term, two of them being pupils, viz:—Winslow J. Evans, son of Thomas H. Evans, of Rochester, N.H., who died of measles Second Month 22d, in his 19th year; and Sarah Isabella Parker, daughter of Joseph R. Parker, of Belvidere, N.C., who died of inflammation of the bowels, Third Month 31st, aged 17 years. Harriet Chase, of Prudence Island, R.I., who came to nurse her son, Halsey Chase, during the illness of the latter with measles, in her untiring devotion and tender solicitude for his welfare, was seized with pneumonia, and died after a short illness. The fourth case was that of S. Elma Gifford, wife of one of the teachers—Seth K. Gifford—who died apparently of disease of the stomach, (about an hour subsequent to the decease of Isabella Parker,) aged 26 years. The funeral solemnities which followed were occasions of deep, and, we believe, of abiding interest, and the mingled feelings of regret for the loss of those to whom teachers and pupils had been much endeared, the tender sympathy for the bereaved, and the sweet consciousness that to the dear departed the summons had not found them unprepared, of which they were favored to give abundant testimony, have left impressions which will, we trust, be long remembered.

The Principal, in his communication to us narrating the foregoing facts, uses this language: — "It was something to be remembered by every officer and student during life, that at that sad hour" (the time of the funeral solemnities of S. Isabella Parker and S. Elma Gifford) "the lifeless forms of two of the most beautiful and gifted daughters of the Institution lay within her walls."

He closes his communication with the following expression:—"I deem it proper to say that notwithstanding this — I believe unprecedented number of deaths in one term — that nothing can be traced to any unhealthy source in the Institution."

We have also to report the decease of one of our own number during the year — Ann Maria Coffin, of Lynn. Her long familiarity with the School and its needs, her deep interest in its welfare, particularly its household comforts and improvements, made her a valuable helper to the Committee, and increases our estimate of the loss we sustained in her removal.

Since our last report, the Committee has authorized the erection of a three-story brick structure, in the angle, at the junction of the old building with Alumni Hall, to be appropriated to the greater accommodation and comfort of the occupants of the east wing, in which we have on the lower floor a very desirable room for the use of the library, and connected therewith; and on the second and third floors, bath-rooms and water-closets; and also, by some changes in the old part, seven very desirable lodging rooms have been arranged, and a room available for storage purposes. By this improvement we shall be enabled to remove the unsightly and objectionable old buildings in the rear of the east wing, and also to abate a great nuisance of long standing, and, as we regard it, to greatly improve the sanitary condition of the premises.

Increased facilities for the better protection of the school buildings from fire, by the erection of hydrants to be connected with the City Water Works, have been provided, in compliance with the suggestions of the insurance companies with whom the property is insured, and also by the recommendation of the Fire Department of the city.

At our meeting, Second Month 1st, we were informed, by a communication from the Principal, that Sarah Slade had given to the School One Thousand Dollars, to be expended for books, and Five Hundred Dollars for apparatus; and that Timothy K. Earle had given Five Hundred Dollars for the library. By direction, the Clerk has acknowledged the gratitude and thankfulness of the Committee to the donors of these timely gifts for their valuable contributions.

The following list contains the names of the Officers of Government and Instruction, for the year which will close on the 21st proximo:—

Augustine Jones, A.M., Principal.
John W. Freeze, A.M., Governor, and English Studies (Autumn Term).
Walter S. Meader, A.B., Governor, and English Studies (Spring Term).
Susan S. Moore, Governess, and English Studies.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Sciences.
John M. Potter, A.M., Higher Mathematics.

Seth K. Gifford, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Henry Wood, Ph. D., English Literature and German.
Walter S. Meader, A.B., Assistant Governor (Autumn Term).
John H. Gifford, A.B., Assistant Governor (Spring Term).
Harold C. Childs, A.B., Natural Sciences (Spring Term).
Bessie T. Wing, French, History and Literature.
Mary Amy Collins, English Studies.
Mary E. Holder, Reading and Elocution.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal Culture.
Allen Jay, Secretary and Book-keeper.

The Treasurer of the School Fund reports that he has received as

Income from the General Fund	$6,263 24	
Income from Fund in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting	309 36	
From returned insurance premiums	418 00	
		$6,990 60

PAYMENTS.

Paid insurance premiums	$553 73	
Paid Augustine Jones, Principal, as per receipts	6,436 87	
		$6,990 60

CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year	$1,124 58	
Income	2,376 98	
		$3,501 56

PAYMENTS.

School bills paid	$2.500 00	
Balance on hand	1,001 56	
		$3,501 56

The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting reports that he has received, including

Balance on hand last year	$486 92	
From coupons on bonds	281 25	
From dividend savings bank	28 11	
From proceeds of sale of three U. S. bonds	3.341 25	
		$4,137 53

PAID.

Thos. Harkness, Treas. of School Fund	$309 36	
Augustine Jones by order of Committee	3.786 92	
Two small bills (printing and record book)	3 90	
Balance to new account	37 35	
		$4,137 53

The accounts of the Principal show the following items of receipt and expenditure:—

RECEIPTS.

Income from board and tuition	$33,976 45	
Rec'd from Thos. Harkness, Treas. of Gen'l Fund	6,436 87	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from funds belonging to school, on account of improvements and addition	3,786 92	
Received from profit for year 1880	517 17	
		$44,717 41

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers and officers	$12,310 00	
Provisions	10,773 43	
Wages paid labor and servant hire	5,721 23	
Cost of addition, including heating apparatus, bath rooms, water closets, seven additional lodging rooms and library room	5,501 05	
Repairs and replacements	2,973 71	
Fuel	1,566 93	
Light	807 88	
Water	325 10	
Library and periodicals	300 69	
Incidentals, including medicines and postage	225 00	
Cost of water pipe connection on Lloyd Street	5 70	
City tax on school property for 1880	2.759 40	
Balance remaining to meet expenses to close of the year	1,447 29	
		$44,717 41

The Committee do not propose any change in the rates to be charged for admission to the School the coming year. The rates last year were:—

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$125 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting	225 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars, each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

In conclusion, we may remark with confidence, mingled with feelings of gratitude, that perhaps at no time in the history of this Institution could it be more safely commended to the patronage and interest of Friends, and we desire that its extended provisions for the physical comfort of the inmates, its educational advantages, its moral tone, and even its religious interests may be largely shared by the youth of our Society.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, Fifth Month 31st, 1881.

Note.—The Autumn term begins Ninth Month 7th, 1881, and closes Third Month 29th, 1882. The Spring term begins Fourth Month 5th, 1882, and closes Sixth Month 20th, 1882.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 2d of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Sixth Month 1881

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo. 29. 1881:

The representatives to the Monthly meeting are Thomas J. Battey and Calvin Knowles, who are present.

We have received through the Preparative meeting the following communication from the overseers viz.

"To Providence Preparative Meeting of Friends

We have had an interview with James Estes on account of his connection with another religious body. He appeared satisfied with the course he had taken, and wishes Friends to release him from membership with them.

James Dennis
Anna J. Dennis } overseers.

Providence 6 mo. 23 1881,"

and it is concluded to grant the request therein contained, our womens meeting concurring. And Thomas J. Battey is appointed to notify him of the action of the meeting in his case.

Our friends Allen and Martha Jay having at this time requested a removal certificate for themselves and their minor children, Wm Edwin and Isaac Jay to White Water Monthly Meeting Ind. we appoint Thomas Harkness and Samuel Austin, to unite with a similar Committee from our Womens meeting, and present at our next Monthly Meeting, such a certificate if on inquiry no obstruction appears.

We have received and read at this meeting a copy of the report of the Boarding School Committee for 1881.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

Seventh Month 1881.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7 mo. 27th 1881

The representatives to the monthly meeting are Thomas Harkness and Wm G. Coffin who are present.

Seventh Month 1881. (continued

Our beloved friend Rufus P. King attended this meeting and presented a certificate granted him as a minister and with his present religious engagement by Springfield Monthly Meeting, N.C. held 4th mo [illegible] 1881. Endorsed by Deep River Quarterly Meeting N.C. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read and answers adopted to the 1st, 2nd & 10th from which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness Thomas J. Battey, and Daniel Meader, whom we have appointed our representatives.

Isaac Sutton having removed to reside within the limits of Springfield Monthly Meeting, N.C., requests our certificate; whereupon we appoint Thomas J. Battey and Thomas Harkness, to to prepare one & present it at our next meeting if upon inquiry no obstruction appears.

The committee appointed for the purpose last month presented the following, viz.

To Whitewater Monthly Meeting of Friends, Ind.

Dear Friends,

Allen Jay, and his wife, Martha A. Jay, with their minor children, Wm. C. Edwin, and Isaac, members of this meeting, and Allen an acknowledged minister, having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting request a removal certificate.

On inquiry according to discipline, his temporal concerns as far as appears are settled to satisfaction.

We recommend them to your Christian care and are your friends.

On behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Providence R.I. 7 mo [illegible] 1881.

which is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to sign and forward the same on our behalf, the womens meeting concurring.

Seventh Month 1881. (continued)

Edward Sutton informs this meeting that he has united in membership with another religious society and requests to be released from membership with us. This meeting concludes to grant his request, our women's meeting concurring, and Thomas J. Battey is appointed to inform him of our action in his case.

We concur with our women's meeting in releasing from membership Evelyn King Parmenter at her request.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. The attendance is small, particularly the afternoon meeting on 1st day, and in the middle of the week. The hour nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity are maintained with some exception, and we believe most friends guard against detraction. When differences occur, endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 10th

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially, and to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of truth and according to discipline.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Eighth Month. 1881.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 24 1881:

From the account received from the preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this meeting are Thomas Hutkins and James Owens one of whom is present.

The clerk of this meeting being absent, Thomas Hutkins is appointed clerk for the day.

Eighth Month 1881.

The committee appointed last month presented the following certificate in favor of Isaac Sutton, which is accepted; and the womens meeting uniting the clerk is requested to sign the same on our behalf and forward the same to Springfield Monthly Meeting, N.C. — viz.–

To Springfield Monthly Meeting of Friends North Carolina:

Dear Friends.

Isaac Sutton a member of this meeting, having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting, requests a removal certificate. On inquiry his temporals are settled to satisfaction, as far as appears.

We recommend him to your Christian care and are your friends.

Signed by direction ~~and on~~ of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends R.I. 7th mo. 24 1881.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended, except one of their number.

Samuel Austin.
Clerk for the day

Ninth Month 1881

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo 28 1881.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Wm S. Coffin and Thomas Harkness, who were present.

A communication was received from the Quarterly Meetings clerk requesting the appointment of a committee to assist in collecting funds for Foreign Missions in accordance with the resolution of the late Yearly Meeting. We therefore appoint for that service Robert P. Gifford and Thomas Harkness. see margin

We appoint Thomas Harkness Robert P. Gifford and Daniel Meader to unite with such as the womens meeting may name and present at our next meeting the names of Friends to serve this meeting as overseers of Society and

The same friends are also authorized to receive contributions for the Kansas refugees

Ninth Month 1881.

Overseers of the poor. The same friends are also requested to propose the names of caretakers of meeting houses, funerals & burial grounds, and reporters of births and deaths to the recorder.

We also appoint James Dennis & Wm G. Coffin to audit and settle the treasurers account, to present the name of a friend for treasurer and also of friends to serve this meeting as clerk, assistant clerk auditors and recorder.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of our friend John Riley who has presented a certificate of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement from Richland Monthly Meeting of Friends Indiana held

We have received our quota of the London General Epistle for 1881, for distribution. We have read one at this time to our encouragement & instruction. It is advised that this Epistle be read at the close of the meeting for worship on 1st day in each of our particular meetings.

Information having been laid before this meeting of the delapidated condition of the meeting house & shed at Smithfield we appoint Thomas Hartness to act with the caretakers of that house in making such repairs as may be deemed necessary.

Thomas J. Batty.
Clerk

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held
10 mo 26 1881

By the reports from our preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Robert P. Gifford and Caleb Knowles, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting together with answers to the 2nd 3rd & 10th from our Preparative meeting, a summary of which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by [illegible] and Joseph L. [illegible] who are appointed representatives

[illegible]

Tenth [illegible]

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

We your committee to settle the treasurer's account and for other purposes, report: We have examined and settled the treasurer's account and find a balance in his hands

On account of Meeting Account	"	"	$261.61
School Fund	"	"	83.69
Deborah H. Jenks	"	"	259.48
Burying Ground	"		33.73.

For Officers of Society for the ensuing year we propose

for Treasurer ——	Thomas Harrison.
Auditors	James Dennis } Calvin Knowles.
Clerk	Thomas J. Battey,
Assistant "	Calvin Knowles.
Recorder	Samuel Austin.

James Dennis } Committee.
Wm. G. Coffin }

which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the friends therein named are appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment.

The following report was received, viz

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

The committee appointed for the purpose propose the following named friends to serve as

Overseers of Society, viz.
James Dennis
Thomas J. Battey
Anna S. Dennis
Mary Metcalf
Daniel Meader
Wm. C. Meader
Anna [illegible] Meader

and for Overseers of the poor,

Calvin Knowles	Daniel Meader
Thomas J. Battey	Louisa N. Meader
Lucas B. Robinson	John [illegible] Meader
Ellen K. Buffum	Celinda Metcalf

On behalf of the Committee
Robert [illegible]
Celinda Metcalf

10 mo 26, 1871.

which is acceptable to this meeting.

Tenth Month,

and the friends therein named are appointed to specified stations for one year or until a new appointment.

The following was also received and accepted and the friends named are likewise appointed to the offices designated for one year or until another appointment, viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting,

The Committee appointed for the purpose propose the following named friends to serve as caretakers of meeting houses funerals and burial grounds—

Providence and Scituate

James Dennis Samuel Austin Calvin Knowles Joseph M. Atwater Robert B. Hanson.

Smithfield and Cumberland,

Daniel Meader, John H. Meader, Henry Metcalf.

And for reporters of births and deaths to the recorder.

Daniel Meader, Calvin Knowles, and Thos. J. Battey.

On behalf of the Committee

Robt. P. Gifford.

11 m. 26 1[illegible].

Answers to the Queries.

Ans 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. Those on first day morning are well attended those in the afternoon & in the middle of the week are attended by but few of our members. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed.

Ans. 2nd Love and unity are maintained with some exception. We believe most friends guard against detraction. When differences arise, endeavors are used to end them,

Ans. 10th

Friends Endeavor to administer the discipline as required, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Eleventh Month. 1881

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11 mo. 23 1881.

By the account from our preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Wm. C. Coffin and Joseph L. Holmes who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended.

The following certificate of removal on behalf of James G. Seton and family was received and accepted, our women's meeting concurring; Viz.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

James Gentle Seton and Elizabeth his wife, members of this meeting have removed to Providence Rhode Island in the compass of yours, and upon enquiry made relative to their conduct and respecting debts nothing appears to prevent the issuing of a certificate on their behalf; we therefore recommend them to your christian care, xxxxx xxx xxxx xxxxxts. with their children Jessie Gentle, Elizabeth Agnes, Wilhelmina Linde, and Mary Helen and remain with love

your friends

Signed in and on behalf of Warwickshire North Monthly Meeting held at Coventry the 12th day of 10th month 1881.

Wm Gibbins
Clerk.

Signed in and on behalf of the Women's Monthly Meeting

Amelia Scott
Clerk.

J Gulv Darton
Correspondent.

Our friend Charlotte E. Holmes, a minister with whom we have unity, laid before this meeting a concern which had for some time rested on her mind to visit some parts of New England Yearly Meeting particularly the smaller meetings in the western quarter, appoint some meetings, visit jails

Alms Houses and attend to such other service as may open for her to perform in the cause of her Divine Master.

This meeting unites with her concern and liberates her for the services specified and our clerk is directed to sign on our behalf such certificate as may be prepared by the womens meeting embodying the substance of this.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Twelfth Month 1881

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 mo [illegible]

By the account from our preparative meeting it appears that the representatives Daniel Meader and Thomas [illegible] are all present.

The following minute relative to stock has been received from the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, viz.-

"To Providence Monthly Meeting,

Dear Friends,

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Fall River, 11th mo 3, 1881, it was concluded to raise Nine Hundred Dollars for the use of that meeting, and the several monthly meetings were requested to forward to James [illegible] our Treasurer their proportion of that sum.

Taken from the minutes of the aforesaid meeting.

Samuel R. Buffinton, Clerk.

The quota of Providence Mo. Meeting is 28% - $252."

It is accordingly concluded to raise for the use of this and the Quarterly meeting the sum of six hundred [illegible] Dollars and James [illegible] [illegible] Thomas [illegible] and Daniel Meader are appointed to collect and pay our treasurer that amount.

The following removal certificate on behalf of Daniel B. Holden, was received and accepted with the concurrence of our womens meeting, viz—

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Daniel B. Holden having removed to live within your limits, this is to certify that he is a member of this meeting, and that his temporal affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears. We commend him to your Christian care and oversight, and are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Swansea Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 10 mo 31, 1881.

Samuel R. Buffinton }
Esther Chase } Clerks.

Joseph Estes is our Correspondent."

Thomas J. Battey. Clerk.

First Month, 1882.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1 mo. 25. 1882.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Joseph K. Atwater and Wm G. Coffin, one of whom is present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number, a summary of which we direct forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness, Daniel Wheeler, and Samuel Austin, whom we appoint representatives.

We appoint Calvin Knowles, and Robert P. Gifford to make the needful arrangements for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting and report next month.

This meeting directs its treasurer to pay to the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting the stock called for in the 11th month last.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held; on First-day mornings they are duly attended by most Friends: in the afternoon and middle of the week they are much neglected. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior except some appearance of sleep.

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity are maintained with some exceptions. We believe most friends

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endeavor to guard against detraction. Where differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans 10th

We endeavor to administer the discipline as required, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Second Month 1882.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 2 mo. 22, 1882.—

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are James Dennis and Robert P. Gifford, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the Quarterly Meeting not being ready to report are requested to do so next month.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Third Month 1882.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo. 29, 1882—

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Samuel Austin and Calvin Knowles who are present.

The committee on arrangements for the Quarterly Meeting reported that they had attended to the subject and had incurred an expense of of ten dollars and fifty cents on this account. The clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of their report by this meeting.

We appoint Samuel Austin and Thomas J. Battey, to revise the list of our members and prepare an abstract of statistics for the information of the Quarterly Meeting and report to this in time for the ensuing Quarterly Meeting.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Fourth Month 1882.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4 mo. 20 1882

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are James Dennis, and Calvin Knowles who are present.

The queries have all been read in this meeting and answers prepared a summary of which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by James Dennis Daniel Meader and Robert P. Gifford whom we appoint representatives, they are desired to meet with the representatives from the other monthly meetings at the meeting house in East Greenwich at 9½ A. M. on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to revise the list of membership reported as follows

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed last month on "Statistics" report as follows.

The No. of members reported last year		227
Since added by certificate	7	
Viz. James G. Seton and wife Elizabeth, and four children, Jessie G., Eliz. A. Wilhelmina H. and Mary Helen. Also Daniel B. Calder.		
Added by request	0	
" " birth	0	
No. omitted on list last year	2	236
From this No. deduct as follows.		
Removals out, Isaac Sutton, Allen & Martha A. [illegible] with three Sons, viz William, Edwin & Isaac,		
Removals by death, Benjamin B. Congdon Eunice Harrison & Susan Sisson	3	
Releases from the Society	3	12
viz James Estes, Evelyn King and Edward Sutton.		
Present No. of members		224.

Which is accepted and the clerk is directed to furnish the information to the

Fourth Month 1882.

Quarterly Meeting.

The committee appointed to receive contributions in aid of the Syrian Mission reported that the sum of $200 two hundred Dollars had been collected and forwarded to the treasurer of the Yearly +
Meetings Committee.

It was concluded to change the hour of holding the meeting for worship on First day mornings in Providence from 10½ o'clock to 11 o'clock A.M. our womens meeting concurring.

Answers to the Queries.

Answer 1

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except one. On First day mornings they are duly attended by most friends. In the afternoon and in the middle of the week they are much neglected. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior except some appearance of sleep.

Ans. 2

Love and unity are maintained with little exception. We believe Friends endeavor to guard against detraction. When differences appear endeavors are used to end them.

Ans 3 While some among us are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, endeavoring by example and precept to encourage the same in their children we fear that there is a remissness with others in these important duties.

Ans. 4

We believe friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, encouraging their children and others in this important duty, and generally maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

Ans. 5.

Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Amusement and diversions inconsistent with a christian character are mostly avoided and we believe a good degree of moderation in all things is generally observed.

Ans. 6.

The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their children.

Ans 7.

We know of no violation of our testimony in regard to the several particulars of this query.

Ans 8.

We believe most friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9.

Recording is attended to and care is taken with regard to certificates.

Ans. 10.

We endeavor to administer the discipline as required, and to place judgment, when necessary, according to discipline.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Fifth Month 1882

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 24th 1882:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Joseph H. Atwater and Samuel Austin, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

We have united with our women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from New Bedford Monthly Meeting in favor of Mary A. Glasse, wife of Geo F. Glasse.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

PROVIDENCE
BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIXTH MONTH, 1882.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The School Committee have again the satisfaction of reporting that the School under their care has made good progress in its work, and is, as we believe, fully up in its results to the standard of any previous year.

In the early part of the year, there was in the house one case of scarlet fever, from which the patient recovered; and one of diphtheria, that of Walter Raley, of Beverly, N. J., which terminated fatally. He died Eleventh Month 3d, 1881, from this disease, which was contracted before he came to the School. He was a youth of good promise, of upright conduct, and exemplary in the discharge of his duties and obligations as a member of the School. His mother was with him during his sickness. Since which, the health of the inmates has been, with very few slight exceptions, remarkably good.

The number of scholars in attendance has been greater than during the previous year, viz.: for the Autumn Term, 96 boys and 81 girls; and for the Spring Term, 106 boys and 77 girls.

Since our appointment, we have to report the death of one of our members, Timothy K. Earle, who deceased Tenth Month 1st, 1881. Although not many years a member of the Committee, and during most of the time in feeble health, whenever with us he took an active interest in matters pertaining to the School, and manifested that interest by efforts to promote its usefulness and efficiency. His memory is precious to us.

At a meeting of the Committee, held Ninth Month 13th, 1881, "from information received from the Principal in his communication to us at that time, he was called in, when he informed us that Ella J. Wheeler, a friend of the Institution, had offered to donate to the Yearly Meeting the sum of $30,000 in trust, the income to be applied to the payment of board and tuition of pupils in the School, under certain conditions as described or set forth by him. The subject received the thoughtful attention of the Committee, and resulted in the appointment of a Sub-Committee to take the subject into their careful consideration, ascertain whether or not the acceptance of the trust will conflict with the tenure of the property and funds now held by the Yearly Meeting for the benefit of the School, and report their judgment thereon at an adjournment of the Meeting, to be held on the 27th inst."

"At the adjourned Meeting held Ninth Month 27th, the Sub-Committee appointed at our last Meeting, relative to the proposition made to our Principal by Ella J. Wheeler, of Boston, to convey by deed of trust to our Yearly Meeting the sum of $30,000, the income to be used for the education of children at this Institution as set forth therein, have given attention to the subject, and report—

"That upon careful examination of the early records of the Yearly Meeting, the proceedings of the School Committee in the organization of the School, and also the several deeds of trust and endowment in its behalf, we find nothing in conflict with the purpose of the trust now under consideration, or which could be endangered by its acceptance, subject to the approval of our next Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee.

HENRY T. WOOD.

PROVIDENCE, Ninth Month 27th, 1881."

The Committee, after mature deliberation, accepted the trust, subject to the approval of the Yearly Meeting, and authorized the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to receive the money, receipt for the same, and with the assistance of Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of the School Fund, to invest it, subject as before to the approval of the Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk is directed "to present to the Representative Meeting, at its next session, the articles of agreement as proposed between the donor and the Yearly Meeting; also, a copy of our Minute accepting the trust, and ask of that Meeting the privilege of using such income as may accrue upon the fund prior to our next Yearly Meeting, for the purposes set forth in said articles of agreement,"—which was done, and the privilege asked for was granted by that Meeting.

At our Meeting, Eleventh Month 1st, 1881, the attention of the Committee having been called to the propriety of investing some portion of our funds in building houses for rent on some portions of our unoccupied land, the subject was referred to a Committee to report their judgment thereon to a future Meeting.

At the Meeting, Fourth Month 4th, the Committee made the following report, viz.:—

"TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

The Sub-Committee to whom was referred the proposal to build some houses for rent, upon the school lands, for the purpose of increasing the income of the School, have carefully considered the subject, and are united in the opinion that the time has nearly come when that experiment should be tried.

But, as there exist in the minds of a few of the Committee at large, some doubts as to the authority of the School Committee to change any of the invested funds belonging to the School, without the express direction of the Yearly Meeting, we do not feel that any practical result can be reached till that question is settled.

We would therefore suggest that this matter of changing investments by the School Committee should be submitted to the Yearly Meeting in our next Annual Report, for final decision, so that the Committee may hereafter know precisely what their authority and duties in that respect are.

We are of opinion that the School Committee should be charged, if they are not so already, with the full powers of Trustees, in regard to every invested fund belonging to the School; for a crisis may occur in almost any investment when instant action may be needed to prevent loss.

No trust of this kind can be safely and wisely administered unless those in immediate charge have full power to act promptly and finally.

C. F. COFFIN,
J. H. CHACE, } *Committee.*
J. O. INMAN,

PROVIDENCE, Fourth Month 4th, 1882.

The following list comprises the names of the Officers of Government and Instruction for the year ending Sixth Month 27th :—

Augustine Jones, A.M., Principal, and Political Science.
Walter S. Meader, A.B., Governor, and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess, and English Studies.
Thomas J Battey, A.B., Natural Science.
J. Myron Potter, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
Seth K. Gifford, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Henry Wood, Ph.D., English Literature and German (Autumn Term).
John H. Gifford, A.B., Assistant Governor.
Benjamin W. Wells, Ph.D., English Literature and German.
Jean E. Guilbert, French.
Albert A. Stanley, Instrumental Music.
Bessie T. Wing, French, History and Literature.
Mary Amy Collins, English Studies.
Mary E. Holder, Reading and Elocution.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Lizzie C. Perry, Secretary and Book-keeper.
Alice M. Jones, Librarian.

The income and payments on the Yearly Meeting School Fund, by the Treasurer's account, have been —

GENERAL FUND.

Income for the year	$6,186 24	
Income from funds in the hands of Yearly Meeting Treasurer	45 00	
Received for return insurance premium	207 50	
		$6,438 74

PAYMENTS.

Paid insurance premium	$533 50	
Paid Augustine Jones, Principal	5,905 24	$6,438 74

CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year	$1,001 56	
Income on Fund	2,313 48	$3,315 04

PAYMENTS.

Paid school bills	$2,375 00	
Balance to new account	940 04	$3,315 04

From the account of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, we learn that he has received, including

Balance on hand last year	$37 35	
From dividend on bonds	45 00	
From sale of four bonds, by order of Committee	4,600 00	$4,682 35

And that he has paid

Thos. Harkness, Treasurer of School Fund	$45 00	
Augustine Jones, on his draft	4,246 41	
For printing and record book	2 85	
Balance to new account	388 09	$4,682 35

The accounts of the Principal present the following items of receipt and expenditure: —

RECEIPTS.

Income from board and tuition	$38,972 91	
Rec'd from Thos. Harkness, Treas. of School Fund	5,905 24	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from "Elizabeth Fry Fund"	582 50	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from "Philip J. Tripp Fund"	100 40	$45,561 05

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers and officers	$12,142 79	
Provisions	14,105 64	
Wages for labor and servants' hire	6,122 32	
Repairs and replacements, including renewal of plumbing and laying of water pipe extension	5,504 42	
Fuel	1,771 25	
Light	957 95	
Water	454 48	
Library and periodicals	309 21	
City tax on school property for 1881	2,848 40	
City of Providence betterment assessment, Brook St.	754 50	
Incidentals, including medicines and postage	337 70	
Remaining to credit of account	252 39	$45,561 05

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School remain the same as last year, viz :—

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$125 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting	225 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars, each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

With feelings of gratitude and thankfulness to our Father in Heaven, for the many mercies and favors vouchsafed during the year, we conclude, commending the Institution, with its varied interests, to His continued regard and protection, to the fostering care of the Yearly Meeting, and to the patronage of parents, and others having children under their charge, for whom they desire a guarded education.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, Fifth Month, 30th, 1882.

Note. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 6th, 1882, and closes Third Month 21st, 1883. The Spring Term begins Third Month 28th, 1883, and closes Sixth Month 26th, 1883.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 1st of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

Sixth Month, 1882.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo. 28 1882:

By the account received from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Robert P. Gifford and Robert S. [illegible] who are present.

The clerk being absent Robert P. Gifford is appointed clerk for the day.

Received a communication from Fred. J. Hallou dated Union Springs N. York 6mo. 19, 1882, in which he requests to be released from membership: we appoint Robert P. Gifford and Samuel Austin to have the care of the same and report to our next Monthly Meeting.

We have received and read a copy of the Report of the Boarding School Committee for 1882.

Robert P. Gifford
Clerk for the day.

Seventh Month, 1882.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7mo. 26, 1882:

By the account received from our preparative meeting it appears that Robert P. Gifford and Samuel Austin were appointed representatives to this meeting who are present

The clerk of this meeting being absent Robert P. Gifford is appointed clerk for the day

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and answers to the usual three approved to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting to which as representatives we appoint Thomas Hawkins Daniel Meader and James Dennis.

The Committee in care of Fredric J. Hallou resignation are continued another month.

We united with our women [illegible] to [illegible] their acceptance of the resignation of [illegible] Ream from membership with us.

We united with the women's meeting in their prepared removal certificate in favor of Emma Truman to Smithfield Monthly Meeting and the clerk is directed to

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Signed [illegible] on our behalf.

We unite with our women's meeting in the acceptance of a removal certificate from Swansea Monthly Meeting in favor of Rachel A. Easton

Answers to the Queries

Answer 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. Our first day morning meetings have been regularly attended by most friends; in the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week, they are much neglected. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behaviour noticed.

Ans. 2d

Love and unity are maintained with some exceptions, [illegible] most friends guard against detraction. When differences occur endeavors are used to end them.

Ans 10th

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially, and to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of truth and according to discipline.

Robert P. Gifford,
Clerk for the day

Eighth Month 1882.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 30, 1882.

By the account from our preparative meeting, it appears that the representatives to this are Robert B. Hanson and James Dennis who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The Committee on Fred. J. Waltons resignation made the following report, viz—

To the Monthly Meeting.

The committee

appointed on account of a communication received from Frederic J. Tuttle. Report that we have corresponded with him on the subject and that we think that under the circumstances it is advisable to grant his request.

Robert P. Gifford
Samuel Austin

Prov. 29th 8th mo, 1882.

which is accepted, ~~with~~ womens meeting concurring, & Thomas J. Battey is appointed to notify him of the action of the meeting in his case.

We have received and read at this time the amendment to our Book of Discipline, adopted by our late Yearly Meeting, relating to meetings of ministry and oversight, and the same is directed to be inserted in the Books of Discipline belonging to this and the Preparative Meeting.

We have received our quota of the printed minutes of our late Yearly Meeting for distribution.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Ninth Month, 1882

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 9th mo. 27, 1882:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Thomas Harkness and Wm G. Coffin who are present.

Wm Coffin, Robert P. Gifford and Daniel Meader are appointed a committee to solicit aid for Foreign Mission work on Mt. Lebanon in Syria and report to this meeting in 5th mo. next, in accordance with the annexed communication from the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting.

We appoint Joseph L. Holmes, Daniel Meader and Robert P. Gifford, to unite with such as the Women's Meeting may name, and present at our next meeting the names of friends to serve this meeting as overseers of society and overseers of the poor. The same friends are also requested to propose the names of caretakers of meeting houses, funerals and burial-grounds and reporters of births

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and death to the recorder.

We also appoint James Dennis and Robert P. Gifford to audit and settle the Treasurer's account, to present the name of a friend for treasurer and also of friends to serve this meeting as clerk assistant clerk, auditors and recorder.

Thos. J. Battey reported that he had informed Frederic J. Walton of this meetings acceptance of his resignation of membership.

Our beloved friend Charlotte D. Holmes returned at this time the minute of service granted her in the 11th month last and presented returning minutes, duly authenticated from the Monthly Meetings of New Bedford, Weare Smithfield, & Uxbridge and one from Salem Quarterly Meeting: all of which is satisfactory to this meeting.

Our beloved friend Charlotte D. Holmes, a minister in unity with us, spread before this meeting a prospect which had dwelt with her for a long time, of laboring in the love of the gospel within the limits of this Yearly Meeting visiting the smaller meetings, jails, Alms-houses and attending to such service as appeared to be required of her.

She was left at liberty to proceed therein under the leading of her Divine Master. And the clerk is directed to sign such minute as the womens meeting may prepare embodying the substance of this.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Tenth Month 1882.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo. 25, 1882:

By the account from our Preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Jos. H. Atwater and Robert P. Gifford, who are present.

The following report was received: viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

We your committee to examine & settle the

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treasurer's account and for other purposes, report:

We have examined and settled the treasurer's account and find a balance due him on Monthly Meeting account of One hundred sixty three dollars & twenty five cents ($163.25) We find a balance on hand belonging to the Deborah H. Jenks Fund account of Two hundred sixty eight dollars & forty eight cents ($268.48). We find a balance on hand in the Burying Fund account of Thirty dollars ($30.) Balance on hand in School Fund account, of Thirty six dollars & thirteen cents ($36.13)

We propose the following named friends for officers of society namely.

For Treasurer Thomas Harkness
" Auditors James Dennis & William G. Coffin.
" Clerk Thomas J. Batley
" Assistant Clerk, Robert P. Gifford
" Recorder — Samuel Austin.

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James Dennis
Robert P. Gifford } Committee

which is satisfactory to this meeting and the friends therein named are appointed to their respective station for one year or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and the answers to the usual number a summary of which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness, Robert P. Gifford, and Thomas J. Batley whom we appoint representatives.

The following report was received, viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting,

Dear Friends:

We propose for overseers of Society

James Dennis   John H. Meader
Thomas J. Batley   Anna A. Meader
Ellen K. Buffum
Sarah J. Hewson
Daniel Meader

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and for overseers of the poor.

Thomas J. Battey (sub below) Louisa N. Meader
Dorcas B. Robinson John H. Meader,
Ellen K. Buffum Celinda Metcalf
Daniel Meader

On behalf of the Committee
Robert P. Gifford
Louisa N. Meader

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which is acceptable to this meeting and the ~~th~~ friends therein named are with the concurrence of the women's meeting appointed to the stations named for one year or until another appointment, except that in the list of overseers of the poor the name of Robert P. Gifford be substituted for that of Thomas J. Battey.

The following was also received and accepted, and those named appointed as designated for one year or until another appointment.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

Dear Friends, –

We propose for Caretakers of meeting-houses &c. (funerals & Burial Grounds)

Prov. & Scituate	Smithfield and Cumberland
James Dennis	Daniel Meader
Samuel Austin	John H. Meader
Joseph H. Atwater	Joseph L. Holmes.
Robert B. Hanson	

For Reporters of births and deaths
Daniel Meader, Thomas J. Battey, Robert P. Gifford.

On behalf of the Committee
Robert P. Gifford.

Prov. 10 mo. 25. 1882.

We have received at this time our quota of the London General Epistle for 1882 for distribution. One of these we have read to our comfort and instruction.

We have united with our womens meeting in sending a removal certificate to Springfield monthly meeting of Friends, N.C. in favor of Mary H. Sutton.

Thomas J. Battey.
Clerk.

Answers to the Queries 10th mo. 1882.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. On First day morning they are attended by friends generally. In the afternoon and in the middle of the week they are much neglected.

The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed.

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity are maintained with some exception. Not quite clear with regard to detraction.

When differences occur, endeavors are used to end them.

Ans 10th

Friends have endeavored to administer the discipline timely and impartially in order that judgment might be placed, when it appeared necessary, in the authority of truth and according to discipline.

Eleventh Month 1882.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 11 mo. 29, 1882:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Samuel Austin, and James Dennis, one of whom is present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one, for whose absence a reason was assigned.

We have accepted at this time the following removal certificate in favor of Isaac C. Winslow: Viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends;

Isaac C. Winslow having removed within your limits, requests our certificate. This is to certify that he is a member of this meeting, and his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears. We therefore recommend him to your christian care and remain your friends.

By direction of St. Albans Monthly

over

Eleventh Month, 1882.
Meeting of Friends, held 9th mo. 26. 1882.

Isaac Winslow }
Zilpha G. Shepherd } Clerks

Cyrus Estes. Correspondent.

Information having been given, that a change in the place of holding Cumberland Particular Meeting, is desired by its members, we appoint Samuel Austin, Daniel Meader and Joseph L. Holmes to unite with a similar committee from our womens meeting and authorize such change as may in their judgment appear desirable and report their action to our next meeting.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Twelfth Month. 1882.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 12 mo. 27. 1882:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Thomas J. Battey Robert P. Gifford, and Daniel Meader, who are present.

The following communication was forwarded by our Preparative Meeting viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends:

For some time past I have felt it my duty to request Friends prayerfully to consider my preparation to be united in membership with your religious society.

Willis H. White

Whereupon we appoint Samuel Austin and Robert P. Gifford to have an interview with the applicant, and report their judgment upon his request to our next meeting.

We have received the following communication from Stephen O. Meader viz:

To Providence Mo. Meeting of
Friends

Dear Friends

At Rhode Island Quarte
Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 m
2d 1881 It was concluded to raise One
thousand (1000) dollars for the use of that
Meeting the coming year, and the severa
Mo Meetings were requested to forward thei
respective quotas of that amount to Sam
Dennis our Treasurer. (address East Provide

Saml R Buffinton Cler

Providence Mo. Meeting quota is $280 —
28/pr

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Suytesville Dec. 16th 1882.

To Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Society of Friends.

I leave you to unite with a Baptist Church.

Yours truly,

Stephen O. Meader.

The Meeting being informed that he has already united himself to another religious body it is concluded in concurrence with our womens meeting to grant his request and Samuel Austin is appointed to inform him of the action of the meeting in his case.

The Committee appointed last month report that no change in the place of holding Cumberland Particular Meeting is thought best at present.

Our beloved friend Caroline E. Talbott, in the course of a religious visit attended this meeting and presented a certificate of unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement from Short Creek Monthly Meeting & endorsed by Short Creek Quarterly Meeting Ohio.

Her company and services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign on her behalf such minute as our womens meeting may give her, embodying the substance of this.

Thomas J. Butler
Clerk.

First Month 1883.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo 24, 1883:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this, are Joseph K. Atwater and Samuel Austin, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th. Qu.

Summary of which we direct forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting, by James Dennis Thomas J. Battey and Daniel Meader whom we appoint our representatives.

By a communication from the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting we learn that our quota of Quarterly Meeting stock is ($280) Two hundred and eighty dollars, which our treasurer is directed to pay to James Dennis the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting.

It is concluded to raise for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting for the ensuing year the sum of nine hundred ($900) dollars, and we appoint James Dennis, Daniel Meader and Thomas Harkness, to raise the said amount and pay it to Thomas Harkness, our treasurer.

The committee appointed on the application of Willis H. White for membership made the following report, viz.

To the Monthly Meeting

Agreeably to appointment, we have had an interview with Willis H. White on account of his application for membership with Friends. The opportunity proved satisfactory and we believe it will be safe for us to recommend his admission to our religious society.

Providence 24th 1st mo. 1883.

Committee { Samuel Austin
Robert P. Gifford

which is satisfactory to this meeting and in concurrence with our womens meeting he is admitted into membership with us. and he being present is hereby informed of the same.

In accordance with the direction of our last Yearly Meeting as embodied in the amendment to our Book of Discipline is received from our Quarterly Meetings clerk in the 8th mo last we appoint Daniel Meader, and Robert P. Gifford a committee to

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unite with a similar committee from our womens meeting to consider what additions should be made to our meeting on Ministry and oversight and bring forward names of friends for that station, and report next month.

The following request was received viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

I hereby request a certificate to enable me to proceed in marriage with Emily Sisson a member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, on 2nd mo 21st, 1883.

Willis Harkness White.

1st Month 24, 1883.

whereupon we appoint Samuel Austin and Robert P. Gifford to prepare a certificate as requested if no objection appears, and report to an adjourned session of this meeting to be held at this meeting house, 2nd mo 7th 1883 at the rise of the midweek meeting for worship, our womens meeting concurring herein.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except two for worship ~~omitted~~ attended by one friend only, and one held at a private house.
They have not been so fully attended as we could desire particularly in the afternoon and in the middle of the week, when they are much neglected. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior except some appearance of sleep.

2nd

Love and unity are maintained with some exception. We believe most friends guard against detraction. When differences occur endeavors are used to end them.

10th Friends endeavor to administer the discipline as required, and to place judgment when necessary according to discip.

Thomas J. Battey.
Clerk.

Second Month, 1883.

At Providence Monthly Meeting held by adjournment second mo. 8th 1883.

The clerk being absent Robert P. Gifford was appointed clerk for the day.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to prepare a certificate of clearness in favor of Thomas H. Wade, if nothing appeared to prevent, to enable him to proceed in marriage as requested produced one which was satisfactory to the meeting and the clerk was directed to sign it on our behalf and forward it to Greenwich Monthly Meeting

R. P. Gifford,
Clerk for the day.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2 mo. 2[illegible] 1883:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Wm. G. Coffin and Samuel Austin who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended.

The committee on additions to the meeting on ministry and oversight not being ready to report are continued another month.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Third Month 1883.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo 28, 1883:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Samuel Austin and Thomas J. Battey, who are present.

The committee on additions to the meeting on ministry and oversight not being yet ready to report are continued another month.

The caretakers of our meetinghouse

report having incurred an expense of ten ($10) dollars for the accommodation of our last Quarterly Meeting. The report is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of the same.

In concurrence with our women's meeting we have accepted at this time the following removal certificate in favor of Isaac G. Ladd. viz.

To Prov. Monthly Meeting, R.I.

Dear Friends,

Isaac G. Ladd, having requested a certificate of removal addressed to your meeting this is to certify that he is a member of this meeting, and upon enquiry, no obstruction appears to the issuing of a certificate on his behalf.

We recommend him to your christian care and oversight and are your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of New York Monthly Meeting of Friends held in New York 7th of second Month 1883.

Chas. W. Lawrence Clerk
S. E. Bussell Clerk for the day.

Wm R. Thurston Correspondent.

We appoint Samuel Austin, Robert P. Gifford and Thomas J. Battey to revise the list of our members, and prepare an abstract of statistics for the information of the Yearly Meeting & report to this meeting next month.

Thomas J. Battey Clerk.

Fourth Month 1883.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo. 25. 1883.

By the account from our preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this meeting Joseph H. Atwater and Samuel Austin are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and answers prepared, a summary of which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Daniel C. Meader Thomas Harkness & Robert P. Gifford.

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whom we appoint our representatives. They are requested to meet at the meeting house in East Greenwich at 9 o'clock, A.M. on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting.

The committee on Statistics made the following report which is accepted and the clerk is directed to furnish the information to the Quarterly Meeting.

Report on Statistics.

The committee on statistics, appointed last month, report as follows.

Number of our members last year	224.
Received by request since to 3rd mo. 1883	
Willis H. Wade	1
" by certificate Mary J. Classe Rachel A. Haston Isaac O. Winslow.	3
Births	0
Name omitted last year, Amey Anthony	1
	229
From which deduct the following	
Former friends removed out	
Anna Inman, Mary H. Sutton	2
Released from society Abby E. King,	
[illegible] Mellen Stephen O. Meader.	3
Deceased Louisa Short	1
Number of Members at present	223

We have united with our womens meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Bolton Monthly Meeting, Mass. in favor of Mary Amy Collins.

The committee on nominations to the Meeting on Ministry and oversight presented the following report which is accepted by this meeting in concurrence with our womens meeting, and our clerk is directed to inform the Quarterly Meeting of the same.

Report.

To Providence Monthly meeting of Friends

The committee appointed in 1st month last, to consider the recent change of discipline

and its requirements as to our meeting on Ministry and oversight, propose the following named friends to be added as members of that meeting.

Thomas J. Batley   Ellen K. Buffum
Daniel Meader   Louisa N. Meader,

On behalf of the Committee
Robert P. Gifford
Elizabeth H. Austin.

Pm. 4 mo 25. 1883.

The committee appointed to collect funds in aid of the Syrian Mission reported $26 collected & forwarded to Geo. Howland Jr. and that the additional sum of $200 had been contributed by individual members of this meeting.

Answers to the Queries.

Answer 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except in one particular meeting where eleven meetings were attended by one friend only, & one omitted. They have not been so fully attended as we could desire particularly in the afternoon and in the middle of the week when they are more neglected.
The hour is nearly observed, clear of unbecoming behavior with little exception.

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity are maintained with some exception. We believe most Friends guard against detraction. When differences occur endeavors are used to end them.

Ans 3rd

While most friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation endeavoring by precept and example to encourage the same in their children, we fear that there is a remissness with others in these important duties.

Ans. 4th

We believe friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families encouraging their children and others in this important duty and generally maintain our

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lishing to a free gospel ministry

Ans. 5th

Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a christian character are generally avoided, and we believe a good degree of moderation in all things is observed.

Ans. 6th

The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their children.

Ans. 7th

We know of no violation of our testimonies in regard to the several particulars of this query.

Ans. 8th

We believe most friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9th

Recording is attended to and care is taken with regard to certificates.

Ans. 10th

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in mercy after and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Fifth Month 1883.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 30 1883:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Wm. G. Coffin and Robert P. Gifford, who are present. The representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that they attended. We have united with our Womens meeting in granting a removal certificate to Cincinnati Mo. Meeting Ohio in favor of Judith Stephens & her daughter Ida Stephens.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Sixth Month 1883.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6 mo 27. 1883

By the account from our Preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Thomas Harkness and Calvin Knowles who are present.

S. Adelbert Wood attended this meeting and presented a certificate of unity with himself as a minister and with his present religious engagement from the Raisin Monthly Meeting of Friends, Michigan, endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting. His company and gospel services have been acceptable to us.

We have received and read at this time the report of the Boarding School Committee for the past year.

We have accepted at this time in concurrence with our Womens Meeting the following removal certificate viz

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends,

Augustine Jones, with his wife Caroline Alice Jones, and their minor children Caroline R. and Wm. A., having removed ~~to reside~~ within the limits of your meeting request our certificate. This is to certify that they are members of this meeting and their outward affairs are settled to our satisfaction.
We recommend them to your Christian care and oversight. Signed by direction and on behalf of Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn 6th mo 1st 1883.

Geo. C. Herbert
Assistant Clerk
Deborah W. Crossman
Clerk

Moses F. Rogers,
Correspondent.

Our womens meeting having informed us that they have granted a request from Mary Ann Collins, received by them last month and communicated to us at the time but by mistake omitted from our records, to enable her to proceed in marriage with Seth K. Gifford a member of Sandwich Monthly meeting

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Miss, and we having received at this time the subjoined certificate from his Monthly meeting showing his clearness to proceed herein, we appoint Thomas J. Battey and J. Myron Potter a committee to unite with a similar one from our womens meeting to extend the necessary care in the case present the certificate for record and report to our next Monthly meeting.

At the request of the Parties a meeting for the Solemnization of said Marriage is hereby appointed at the Friends Boarding in Providence on 5th. day the 28th inst. at 11 o'clock A.M. our womens meeting concurring.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

Seth K. Gifford a member of this meeting having requested a certificate to proceed in Marriage with Mary Amy Collins a member of your meeting, this is to certify in his behalf, that we find nothing to prevent his proceeding therein.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 6 mo 1st 1883.

Methiah Gifford } Clerks.
Lucy S. Howe }

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Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Seventh Month 1883.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, R.I. held 7 mo. 26, 1883.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Thomas [illegible] and Joseph H. Atwater who are present.

The clerk being absent Robert J. Gifford was appointed clerk for the day.

The queries were all read and answers approved to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting to be held at Newport, by with any other necessary extracts from our minutes in care of our minute

REPORT

OF THE

PROVIDENCE

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIXTH MONTH, 1883.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee having in charge the Boarding School, established and fostered by the Yearly Meeting, in presenting the Sixty-fourth Annual Report of its operations, have the renewed satisfaction of informing the Meeting that it is very quietly, but nevertheless efficiently, continuing its good work in training and educating the young for positions of usefulness in the world, and, as we believe, in the Church of Christ. It has been for the past year, as for the previous three years, under the immediate charge of Augustine Jones, A. M., as Principal, aided by an efficient corps of faithful Assistants, laboring together harmoniously for the best and greatest good of those under their care.

The average number of pupils the past year has been 99 boys and 88 girls.

Within the year, the School has been made the recipient of a splendidly illustrated work on Fishes, presented by Daniel G. Littlefield, of Pawtucket; and of a donation by our friend Hannah J. Bailey, a member of the Committee, of $1,151.60, for the purpose of beautifying the walls of the halls and school-rooms with busts and engravings; these have greatly improved the appearance of the rooms by the introduction of agreeable and pleasant pictures for the gratification of the eye, and the cultivation and elevation of the mind.

We have been gratified by the reception of a donation of $500 from our friend James H. Chace, another member of the Committee, to be expended for the purchase of desirable pictures or works of art for the School.

A donation has also been received from Rowland G. Hazard of $100, with directions that it may be used in the purchase of books for the Library.

A much needed improvement is now being made in the Laundry by the introduction of a new boiler and apparatus, with the most improved machinery, at a cost of about $1,500. A donation by a private individual of $1,100 in aid of this valuable addition has been received. The work will be completed and ready for use before the close of the present term.

These generous gifts have been gratefully accepted by the Committee, and we believe they will be warmly appreciated by the Yearly Meeting; not only on account of the material benefit conferred, but as loving tokens of kindly interest in the welfare of the Institution.

A donation to the School from our friend Thomas Harkness of an ancient copy of a Concordance to the Holy Scriptures (printed in 1638) is accepted as a valuable addition to the Library; and the Clerk was directed to convey to him our warm appreciation of the gift and of the kind remembrance of the donor.

Since our last report the exterior walls and wood work of the older portion of the house have been thoroughly painted, its condition as well as its appearance being very much improved thereby.

During the greater part of the past year, while much sickness has prevailed in our neighborhood, from which in the Autumn the School was not exempt, through the Winter and Spring, the health of the household has been unusually good.

We regret, however, to have to report a very sad accident, which occurred a few days after the opening of the School in the Ninth Month:— One of the pupils, Robert H. Chase, nearly 16 years of age, a son of John F. Chase, of Deering, N.H., while bathing, in attempting to swim across a sheet of shallow water, suddenly sank, and, although his schoolmates made very strenuous efforts to save him, they were unsuccessful, and he was drowned.

The Principal in reporting the case to the Committee says, "He was possessed of unusual mental powers, and had already attracted the special notice of the teachers. But, to crown all, he was an earnest Christian boy. How we needed him here, what a field of service was before him! but young and full of promise as he was, we believe he was prepared for the change of worlds which came so suddenly to him."

We have also to report the death of one of our own number, Abby S. Battey, who died Eleventh Month 21st, 1882. She had been many years a member of the Committee, was very constant in attendance upon our meetings, taking a deep interest in all matters appertaining to the School, and endeavoring in every way to promote its greatest usefulness. Her memory will long be held in grateful remembrance.

Agreeably to the direction of the Yearly Meeting last year, your Treasurer has ratified and confirmed the deed of trust (of the Elizabeth Fry Fund) interchangeably with the donor, signed the same on behalf of the Yearly Meeting, and affixed the corporate seal of the Yearly Meeting thereto. The fund has been satisfactorily invested, and will yield an annual income of 5% upon the principal. This at the present price of tuition will pay for five scholars for a year.

The Officers of Government and Instruction for the past year have been :—

- **Augustine Jones**, A.M., Principal and Political Science.
- **Walter S. Meader**, A.B., Governor and English Studies.
- **Susan S. Moore**, Governess and English Studies.
- **Bessie T. Wing**, French, History and Literature.
- **Thomas J. Battey**, A.B., Natural Science.
- **Mary Amy Collins**, English Studies.
- **J. Myron Potter**, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
- **Benjamin W. Wells**, Ph.D., English Literature and German.
- **William C. Ladd**, A.B., Greek and Latin.
- **Sarah A. Pearce**, Reading and Elocution.
- **Wilmot R. Jones**, A.B., Assistant Governor.
- **Sophia L. Pitman**, Drawing and Painting.
- **Mary E. Rawson**, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
- **Albert A. Stanley**, Instrumental Music.
- **Jean E. Guilbert**, French.
- **Mary P. Holme**, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
- **Lizzie C. Perry**, Secretary and Book-keeper.
- **Alice M. Jones**. Librarian.

The accounts of the Principal present the following items of receipt and expenditure :—

RECEIPTS.

Income from board and tuition	$41,897 87	
Rec'd from Thos. Harkness, Treas. of School Fund	5,860 83	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from Elizabeth Fry Fund	600 00	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from Philip J. Tripp Fund	85 90	
		$48,444 60

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers and officers	$12,289 00	
Provisions	15,575 96	
Wages for labor and servants' hire	6,920 52	
Repairs and replacements	4,945 06	
Fuel	1,645 98	
Light	1,019 90	
Water	530 64	
City tax on School Property for 1882	2,981 20	
Library and periodicals	356 16	
Incidentals, including printing, advert'ng and postage	725 87	
Uncollected bills for tuition in previous years	753 99	
Remaining to credit of account	700 32	
		$48,444 60

The income from the Charitable Fund, including the Philip J. Tripp Fund has been $2,399.38.

This has enabled 19 pupils to enjoy the benefits of the School during the year, and one for one term.

The account annually presented by the Committee of the financial operations and condition of the Institution has heretofore been little more than an estimate, and, while the School is still in session and until the close of the school year, no more definite account can be made It is proposed in future to present the accounts as made up after the close of the School, near the 1st of Seventh Month each year.

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School remain as last year, viz. :—

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$125 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting	225 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

Again we commend the Institution and all connected with it, to the superintending care and providence of our Father in Heaven, with thankfulness and gratitude for past favors, and to the kind consideration of the Yearly Meeting, believing that there yet lies before it a very large field for usefulness.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, JUN., *Clerk.*

BOARDING SCHOOL, PROVIDENCE, Sixth Month 5th, 1883.

NOTE.—The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 5th, 1883, and closes Second Month 6th, 1884. The Spring Term begins Second Month 7th, 1884, and closes Sixth Month 24th, 1884.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 31st of Seventh Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which, applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, AUGUSTINE JONES, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Seventh Month.

Thomas Harkness, Daniel Meader and Robert P. Gifford whom we have appointed our representatives to attend that meeting. We have received at this time our quota of the printed copies of our last yearly meeting minutes for distribution.

The committee appointed last month to have the necessary care in attending the marriage of Seth K. Gifford and Mary Ann Collins have presented their report as follows, which is satisfactory to us.

Report.

To Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends,

We, your committee appointed last month to attend the marriage of Seth K. Gifford and Mary Ann Collins report that we have attended to our appointment and that the marriage was conducted in an orderly manner and the certificate deposited for record.

Signed on behalf of the committee { Thomas J. Battey
M. Augusta Battey

Providence 7 mo. 7, 1883.

Answers to the Queries

Ans. 1

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except in one small meeting on four occasions attended by one friend only. On First day morning they are generally attended; in the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are much neglected. The hour is nearly observed no unbecoming behavior noticed.

Ans. 2.

Love and unity are maintained with some exception, and we believe most friends guard against detraction. When differences occur endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 10.

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially and to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of truth and according to Discipline.

Robert P. Gifford
Clerk for the day.

Eighth Month 1883.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 27. 1883.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting we find that the representatives to this are Calvin Knowles and Thomas C. White, one of whom is present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

In accordance with the accompanying minute from the Quarterly Meetings Clerk, we appoint Robert P. Gifford, Thomas J. Battey and Daniel Meader to unite with a similar committee from our womens meeting in collecting funds for the foreign mission work, and forward them to Geo. Howland Jr. treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Ninth Month 1883.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 mo. 26. 1883:

By the account from our preparative meeting, the representatives to this are Joseph L. Holmes and Joseph H. Atwater who are present.

We have accepted at this time, in concurrence with our womens meeting the following removal certificate from Swansea Monthly Meeting in favor of Edward Barker and Robert P. Gifford is appointed to inform him of the same

* Certificate omitted here, see below. + We appoint Thomas Harkness, Robert P. Gifford, and Augustine Jones, to unite with such as the women's meeting may name and present at the next meeting the names of friends to serve this meetings as overseers of society & overseers of the poor.

The same friends are also requested to present the names of caretakers of meeting houses, funerals and burial grounds, and reporters of births and deaths to the recorder.

+ Certif omitted above: To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends:

Edward Barker, having removed and settled

To Providence Monthly Meeting
of Friends

Dear Friends

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, (held at Newport 8 mo 2d 1883) that Meeting united in the request of the late Yearly Meeting (as set forth in the printed Minutes of that Mtg #28) and directs the appointment of Committees by the several Mo Mtgs "to assist in raising the necessary additional funds" to carry forward the "Foreign Mission Work" upon Mt Lebanon, and they are also requested to report the Amounts thus collected for that and other Foreign Mission Work

within their respective limits
in their accounts to the Quarterly
Meeting, to be held at East Green-
wich in 5th mo next year

By direction of Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting held as afore-
said

Saml R Buffinton
Clerk

Ninth Month 188.

within your limits, this is to certify that he is a member of this meeting and that his temporal affairs are properly settled. We commend him to your christian care and remain in love your friends.

Signed in and on behalf of Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 7 mo. 30 1883.

Samuel R. Buffinton } Clerks
Esther Chase }

Joseph Estes, correspondent.

We also appoint James Dennis and Daniel Meader to audit and settle the treasurers' account, to present the name of a friend for treasurer, and also of friends for clerk, assistant clerk, auditors and recorder.

We have received at this time our quota of the London General Epistle of 1883 for distribution. The instruction & counsel afforded by its reading have been very encouraging to us.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Tenth Month 1883.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10 mo. 24. 1883:

By the account from our preparative meeting the representatives to this are Samuel Austin and Robert B. Hanson, who are present.

The following report was received viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

We your committee to examine & settle the treasurers account and for other purposes report: We have examined and settled the Treasurer's accounts, and find a balance in his hands on Monthly Meeting account of ($[illegible]) [illegible] hundred thirty seven dollars & sixty six cents also a balance in his hands on Running fund account of ($37.76) Thirty seven dollars & seventy six cents and on School fund account of ($77.44) Seventy seven dollars and forty four cents, and on Debrrah H. Jenks Account

10th mo 1883.

of ($262.98) two hundred sixty two dollars, ninety ~~two~~ eight cents.

And we propose the following named friends for officers of Society the ensuing year. For Treasurer Thomas Harkness, for Auditors James Dennis and Calvin Knowles; for clerk Thomas J. Battey Assistant do Robert P. Gifford Recorder Samuel Austin.

Providence 10 mo. 24. 1883.

James Dennis for the Committee.

which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the friends therein named are appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number a summary of which we direct forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Thomas Harkness, Robert P. Gifford and Daniel Meader whom we appoint representatives.

We have had at this time the company of our friends Thomas Kimber a minister and his wife Mary S. Kimber, an elder, who have presented a minute duly accrediting them, from New York Monthly Meeting endorsed by Westbury Quarterly Meeting. N.Y.

Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held but not so fully attended as we could desire, particularly in the afternoon and in the middle of the week when they are more neglected.

The hour is nearly observed; no unbecoming behavior noticed.

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity are maintained with little exception [illegible] where most friends guard against detraction. When differences occur endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 10th

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially and to place judgment when it appears necessary, in the authority of truth and according to discipline

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

11th Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11 mo 28, 1883:

By the account from our Preparative meeting the representatives to this are Daniel Meader and Joseph H. Atwater who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee on nomination of overseers presented a report which was accepted by this meeting, but not being concurred in by our womens meeting, is referred back to the same committee who are empowered to consider objections and report their judgment in the matter to our next meeting.

The following report was received viz.

Providence 11th mo 28, 83.

The Committee to propose names of friends to act as caretakers of meeting houses, funerals and burial grounds present the following:

Providence and Scituate.

James Dennis	Joseph H. Atwater
Thomas Harkness	Robert B. Hanson
Samuel Austin.	Robert P. Gifford

Smithfield and Cumberland.

Daniel Meader
John H. Meader
Jos. L. Holmes

For Reporters of births and deaths to the recorder

Daniel Meader, Thomas J. Battey and Robert P. Gifford,

On behalf of the committee

Augustine Jones.

which is accepted and the friends therein named are appointed to their respective offices for one year or until another

Eleventh Month 1883.

appointment

We have received the accompanying communication from our Quarterly Meeting's clerk, concerning stock— (see margin) whereupon we conclude to raise the sum of five hundred and fifty ($550.) dollars for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting and we appoint James Dennis Thomas Harkness, and Daniel Meader to collect this sum and pay it to Thomas Harkness our treasurer.

We have accepted the following removal certificate in favor of Gilbert D. Steere, in concurrence with our women's meeting, and Robert P. Gifford is appointed to inform him of the same.

Certificate.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

Dear Friends.

Gilbert D. Steere, a member of this meeting, having settled within your limits no obstruction appears to prevent the transfer of his membership.

Therefore we recommend him to you and are in love your friends.

On behalf of Muscatine Monthly Meeting, held in Muscatine Co. Iowa on the 27th day of 7th Month 1883

J. T. Goddard
Elizabeth T. Hoag } Clerks.

C. L. Peasley
Correspondent.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Twelfth Month 1883.

At Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends held 12 Mo 26, 1883.

By the account from our Preparative meeting the representatives to this are, Willis H. White and Thomas J. Battey, one of whom is present.

The clerk being absent Robert P. Gifford was appointed clerk for the day.

The committee on nominations to whom the subject

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Fall River 11 mo 1st 1883 it was concluded to raise Nine hundred 900) dollars for the use of that Meeting the coming Year, and the several Monthly Meetings were requested to forward their proportion of that amount to James Dennis our Treasurer.

Taken from the minutes of the aforesaid Meeting held as above

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Providence Mo. Mtg's quota is $252 — 28%

Twelfth Month 1883.

was referred back by minute of last month we presented the following report viz

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of objections to their reportes presented last month, have given attention thereto and are united in proposing the same list of friends for overseers as contained in our report last month.

On behalf of the Committee
Augustine Jones.

Prov. 12 mo. 26 1883.

The following is the report presented last month and referred back to same Committee.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

The committee appointed in 9 mo last, are united in proposing the following named friends to serve as overseers of Society, viz.

Thomas J. Battey   Daniel Meader
Robert P. Gifford   John H. Meader
Ellen K. Buffum   Louisa N. Meader
Sarah J. Hanson

Also for overseers of the poor as follows.

Robert P. Gifford   Daniel Meader
Dorcas B. Robinson   Louisa N. Meader
Elizabeth Thorne   Celinda Metcalf
Elizabeth A. Gifford

On behalf of the Committee
Augustine Jones
Celinda Metcalf.

Providence 11th mo 28 1883.

All of which is accepted by this meeting in concurrence with our women friends and the friends proposed are hereby appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment

Robert P. Gifford,
Clerk for the day.

First Month 1884.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo. 30 1884.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting the representatives to this are Robert B. Hanson and Calvin Knowles, who are present.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the usual number a summary of which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas [illegible], John H. Meader and Thomas J. Battey whom we appoint representatives.

We appoint Samuel Austin, Daniel Meader and Robt. B. Hanson to make the needful arrangement for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting and report the expense next month.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. They are not so well attended as we desire. the hour generally observed: no unbecoming behavior noticed.

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity maintained with little exception. Detraction generally guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

Ans. 10th

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline as queried after, and to place judgment when it appears necessary according to truth and discipline.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Second Month 1884.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd mo. 27, 1884

By the account from our Preparative Meeting the representatives to this are Thomas Harkness and Wm. G. Coffin who are present. The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one who only staid to a part of the business session.

The committee appointed to make provision for the Quarterly Meeting not being ready to report, are desired to do so next month.

We have accepted at this time in concurrence with our womens meeting, a removal certificate from Cork Monthly Meeting, Ireland in favor of Joseph Beal; and Robert P. Gifford is appointed to inform him of the same.

Our friend Charlotte D. Holmes returned at this time the minute granted her in the 9 mo. 1882, and stated that she had spent much of the time since it was granted in the service contemplated therein, and felt that she had been favored to do what she could, and realized comfort and peace in the retrospect.

She produced returning minutes expressing satisfaction in her attendance of the meetings from the Quarterly Meetings of Salem held 10-19-'82; Smithfield held 11-9-'82; Sandwich, held 12-7-82; Fairfield held 9-8-83; Vassalboro, held 9-15-83; & Falmouth held 1st mo. 26 1884; and from the Monthly Meetings of Weare held 11-2-82; Dartmouth held 1-24-83. New Bedford held 1-25-83; Dover, held 4-20-83; Vassalboro held 9-18-83; and China, held 9-19-83: all of which is satisfactory to us.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Third Month 1884.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo. 26th 1884.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Caleb Knowles and Robert W. Hanson ~~who~~ are present.

The committee to make preparation for the Quarterly Meeting reported that they have received an expense of fifteen dollars and seventy-five cents ($15.75) which is satisfactory to this meeting and our Monthly Meetings treasurer is authorized to pay the same.

Thomas J. [illegible]
Clerk.

Fourth Month, 1884.

At Providence Meeting of Friends held 4th mo. 23rd 1884.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Samuel Austin and Jos. L. Holmes who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from our preparative meeting a summary of which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas H[illegible] Robert [illegible] and [illegible] C. Howle whom we appoint our representatives. They are requested to meet at the meeting house in East Greenwich on the evening of the Quarterly Meeting at 7 o'clock.

The following is an abstract of statistics for the year ending 3 mo 1st 1884 which we direct forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends:

The Recorder presents the following statement of Statistics, which when appended to the revised list recorded last year will, it is believed, exhibit our present membership.

The whole number of members reported 3 mo. 1883 223

Rec'd since by certificate [illegible] the following

Augustine Jones and wife Caroline Alice and their minor children Caroline R. & [illegible] Jones

see next page

Fourth Month 1874.

Also Edward Barker and Gilbert L. Stever 1
and Joseph Deale. 231
Two births Gertrude Mary Buffum and
Walter Hanson. } 2
233

From which number deduct as follows
viz. Removals by certificate, Judith & Ida Stevens
" " decease Phebe H. Haskell
Ezra G. Robinson, Elizabeth H. Atwater, Verina Meader, Lou.y Mead } 6
Present no. 227.

We have united with our womens meeting in acknowledging the gift and public appearance in the ministry of Adelia C. Mann.

Our beloved friend Charlotte D. Holmes, a minister in unity with us laid before this meeting a concern which had long rested on her mind to visit the sittings of New York Yearly Meeting. After due consideration this meeting leaves her at liberty for the service and encourages her in its performance. and the clerk is directed to sign such minute as the womens meeting may prepare embodying the substance of this.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st.

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held; first day morning meeting generally well attended, others much neglected. A few of our members very seldom attend. The hour is nearly observed. Clear of unbecoming behavior with little exception.

Ans. 2nd.

Love and unity are maintained with some exception. Detraction generally guarded against. When differences occur endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 3rd

While many friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. encouraging the same in their children, we fear that others are remiss in these important duties.

over

Fourth Month 1884.

Ans. 4

We believe friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures is carried after encouraging their children and others in this important duty. And generally maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

Ans. 5th

Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Improper amusements and diversions mostly avoided. We believe moderation in all things is generally observed.

Ans. 6th

The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their children.

Ans. 7

We know of no violation of our testimony in regard to the several particulars of this query.

Ans. 8.

We believe most friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; to be punctual to their promises, and just in the payments of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9.

Recording is attended to; a few removals without certificates; some care taken.

Ans. 10.

We endeavor to administer the discipline as required; and to place judgment when ~~required~~ necessary ~~and~~ according to discipline.

Thomas J. [illegible]
Clerk

Fifth Month. 1884.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 28, 1884:

The clerk being absent R. P. Gifford was appointed clerk for the day

The representatives from the preparative meeting to this are Thomas Harkness and Samuel Austin, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

Robert P. Gifford
Clerk for the day.

Sixth Month 1884.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6 mo. 25, 1884.

By the account from our preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Samuel Austin and Robert B. Hanson who are present.

Our beloved friend Charlotte L. Colins returned at this time the minute granted her 4th mo. 23, 1884. and said that she had been enabled to accomplish that which seemed to be required of her, to her own satisfaction and felt the reward of peace.

She presented a returning minute from New York Yearly Meeting held at Glens Falls expressing satisfaction with her company; all of which is satisfactory to us.

Thomas J. Bulley,
Clerk.

Seventh Month 1884

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo. 30th 1884

The representatives appointed by the Preparative Meeting to attend this are Daniel Meader and Robt B. Hanson, one of whom is present.

The clerk being absent Robert P. Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day.

Our beloved friend Elisha Chace a minister from Swansea Monthly Meeting attended this Meeting and presented a certificate of unity with him in his prospect of Gospel service in attending all the Monthly meetings of our Yearly Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Seventh Month 1884

Our beloved friend Charlotte G. Holmes informed this meeting that she felt called of the Lord, to attend in the love of the Gospel, the sittings of Ohio Yearly Meeting and to such service as may be required of her in visiting homes, within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting. Her concern was united with and the Clerk directed to sign a minute prepared for her by our women's meeting, containing the substance of this.

The Queries have all been read and answers to the 1st, 2d & 10th approved which were directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting in care of our friends Thomas [illegible], Samuel Meader and James Dennis, whom we have appointed our Representatives.

Received at this time a request from Henry Thomas Cooper to become a member of our Religious Society, viz to Providence Monthly Meeting.

Having prayerfully examined the Christian doctrines held by the Society of Friends and fully concurring therein, I now make respectful application to become a member of such Society — Henry Thomas Cooper —

— Whereupon we appoint Samuel Austin Robt P. Gifford and Samuel Meader a Committee to visit him on this account and report to our next Monthly Meeting.

Received a copy of the Boarding School report as made to our late Yearly Meeting, which has been read. Also received our Quota of the Printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting for distribution

Robt P. Gifford
Clerk for the day

REPORT

OF THE PROVIDENCE

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIXTH MONTH, 1884.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In again presenting their Annual Report, the sixty-fifth, the Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence is pleased that it can re-affirm the statement of several preceding years, that the School is steadily moving on, in its appropriate sphere of educating and elevating to a higher standard of intellectual culture than perhaps ever before, those young persons whose privilege it is to be the recipients of the advantages to be derived from their connection therewith.

The School continues under the immediate care of Augustine Jones, A.M. as Principal, with an able corps of Assistants on either side of the house, between whom there appears to be perfect harmony of action, and a united effort in the direction of the best interests of the School.

The religious meetings which continue to be held in the house, have during the year been attended by the pupils with more than usual interest, a fact which is cause for gratitude and thanksgiving to our Father in Heaven.

The average number of pupils for the year has been ninety-four boys and eighty-two girls.

The health of the family has been excellent, almost without exception, through the year—probably no greater exemption from sickness has been experienced for many years.

The gift from our friend James H. Chace, reported last year, has been appropriated, with his knowledge and approval, in procuring a beautiful white marble bust of John Bright, a distinguished statesman and member of our Society on the other side of the Atlantic, and a fast and valued friend of our common country, one who, by the noble position he took in the Parliament of his own country, during our comparatively recent fratricidal struggle, has endeared himself to our people by bonds that will long be cherished by us as a nation.

A corner of Alumni Hall, at the west end of the platform, has been appropriately fitted up for its reception, and the bust placed on a beautiful and highly polished pedestal of Rhode Island granite, forming a very attractive and ornamental addition to the Hall.

The unveiling of the bust, on the 28th of Third Month last, was made the occasion of a public meeting in the Hall, at which several prominent citizens of Rhode Island, including the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State, an-ex-Judge of the Supreme Court, the President and one of the Professors of Brown University, many friends of the School, and the members of the household were present, and was a season of intellectual enjoyment and gratification to all who participated in the exercises incident to it.

Our friend who so kindly furnished the means for the purchase of this beautiful work of art, has made a still further demand upon our gratitude, by assuming the expense incurred in its erection upon the well-chosen site, where we hope it may long remain, not only as a memento of his liberality, but also as an incitement to those who look upon it to emulate the virtues of him whose features it so truthfully represents.

A contribution during last autumn of six hundred and fifty dollars, from a source unknown to the Committee, for the purpose of introducing electric light into the Girls' School-room, and to some small extent to other parts of the house, has greatly improved that room in regard to temperature and the purity of the air, as by this method of lighting the oxygen of the atmosphere is not consumed, nor is the heat at all increased thereby; while the light is perfectly steady and entirely satisfactory.*

The improvement in both these directions is highly appreciated by those who pass much of their time in the room. May the benevolent donor of this money feel in his own breast the consciousness of having performed a praise-worthy act, and may he further receive, in return, the rich reward of finding, after many days, the bread which he has so generously cast upon the waters.

At the opening of the school in Ninth Month last a department was inaugurated for instruction in the practical use of tools in the working of wood (including ornamental carving) and of metals, which we think has been highly appreciated, not only by the students, but by the parents also, and promises to be a permanent and useful addition to the appliances of the school.

This department has received a gratuity of one hundred dollars, from a member of the Committee, for supplying tools and other needed apparatus for its use.

We also learn that by the liberality of another valued member of the Committee, a full-length portrait of John G. Whittier is in course of preparation, and will soon occupy a conspicuous place in Alumni Hall.

The improvement in the laundry, the means for defraying the expense of which was largely furnished by a friend of the Institution, as reported last year, has been completed and enables those who labor there to perform with comparative ease a great amount of work, which if done at all previously, could only have been imperfectly done with a large expenditure of human strength and consequent exhaustion.

The boilers and other apparatus for heating the house, having, after many years of service, become somewhat dilapidated, indicating unmistakably in many ways that a renewal of the entire system will, erelong, be required; a movement in the direction of such renewal has been begun, and the subject brought to the notice of friends of the school, one of whom has already contributed the very liberal sum of $5,000 towards that object, and it is confidently expected that others will soon follow in the same direction.

It is estimated that the sum of $15,000 will be required for the proposed renewal.

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* It is estimated that the quantity of oxygen consumed by gas burners in the room is equal to the amount required for the supply for breathing of one hundred persons.

These contributions, which not only supply our needs, but also enable us to improve and make more attractive the halls and school-rooms of the Institution, are very gratefully accepted and highly appreciated by us, and we hope will be equally valued by the Yearly Meeting.

During the present season, communications have been received from several citizens of Providence, asking us to erect some houses on portions of our unoccupied lands, for lease to the parties applying for them. After giving the matter due consideration, we decided to make the experiment, and have commenced the erection of three houses, for which desirable tenants at satisfactory rates have been secured; the houses will be ready for occupancy in the early Autumn.

This arrangement will give us an income from some of the land before unproductive, as well as an equally good if not better income from the funds so invested.

Since our last report, we have effected the sale of one small lot on Lloyd Avenue.

In the decease of one of our most valued members, our late dear friend, Henry T. Wood, whose death occurred on the 23d of Eleventh Month last, after a short confinement (his health having been failing for a much longer period), we feel that we have indeed sustained a great loss. He had been a member of the Committee for something over six years, and, when his health permitted, was prompt in attendance at our meetings, active in the discharge of all the duties incumbent upon him, and thoroughly interested in everything which tended to promote the usefulness and efficiency of the school. As one of the auditors of the school accounts for a series of years, his services were highly appreciated; he is gone, and the place on this Board which has known him so long and so agreeably, will know him no more forever, yet his memory and the recollections of the very acceptable services rendered by him while with us will be long and gratefully cherished by his associates of the Committee.

OFFICERS OF GOVERNMENT AND INSTRUCTION.

Augustine Jones, A.M., Principal and Political Science.
Walter S. Meader, A.M., Governor and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess and English Studies.
Bessie T. Wing, French, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Science.
J. Myron Potter, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Benjamin W. Wells, Ph.D., Modern Languages.
Albert A. Stanley, Instrumental Music.
Wilmot R. Jones, A.B., Mental and Moral Science and English.
Jean E. Guilbert, French.
Charles G. Farwell, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Caroline C. Ladd, English Studies.
Mary E. Wing, English Studies.
Mary P. Helme, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Lucy R. Weaver, M.D., Physiology.
Lizzie C. Perry, Secretary and Book-keeper (Autumn Term).
George A. Barton, Secretary and Book-keeper.
Ellen A. Winslow, Librarian.

Financial statement of the accounts of the School for the year ending Seventh Month, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

From Board and Tuition,	$41,173 21	
From Art Studies, Languages, etc.,	2,318 98	
From the Treasurer of the School Fund,	5,860 83	
Supplies on hand in excess of amount last year,	127 99	
Loss on the year's work,	1,093 18	
		$50,574 19

PAYMENTS.

For Provisions,	$15,151 43	
Salaries,	14,352 79	
Wages,	9,111 57	
Repairs, Renewals and Improvements,	4,271 79	
Fuel,	1,685 15	
Light,	1,019 90	
Water,	526 48	
Library and Periodicals,	370 16	
Incidentals,	1,103 72	
City of Providence, Tax for 1882,	2,981 20	
		$50,574 19

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School for the year commencing in the Ninth Month next, be

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	$150 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting,	$250 00
For all others who may be admitted,	$300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge to be made, for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, ten dollars. For one year's instruction in Pencil Drawing, fifteen dollars. For one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing, and Painting, thirty dollars.

With devout thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His watchfulness over us the past year, again we commend the Institution to His superintending care and to the kind consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, Sixth Month 3d, 1884.

Note.—The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 3d, 1884, and closes Second Month 4th, 1885. The Spring Term begins Second Month 5th, 1885, and closes Sixth Month 23d, 1885.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 5th of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which, applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Seventh Month 1884

Answers to the Queries

1st — Are our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except one meeting, which was attended by one friend only. First Day morning meetings generally attended by most friends, but our other meetings are much neglected. The hour is observed and unbecoming behavior avoided with little exception.

2nd — Love and unity maintained with little exception. Detraction mostly guarded against. When differences occur endeavors are used to end them

10th — Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially.

Eighth Month 1884.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 27th 1884:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting, it appears that the representatives to this are Calvin Knowles and Samuel Austin who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

We have accepted at this time in concurrence with our women's meeting, a removal certificate on behalf of Geo. S. Cornell and his wife Margaret Cornell from Salem Monthly Meeting Ohio, and Joseph [illegible] is appointed to inform them of our action therein.

Certificate.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends R.I.
Dear Friends

George S. Cornell and wife Margaret Cornell having removed to reside within ~~your~~ the limits of your meeting, we recommend them as members of our religious society in good esteem to your christian care, and remain
your friends.

Signed by direction of Salem Monthly

Eighth Month 1884.

meeting of Friends Ohio, held 5 mo 22, 188[illegible]
[illegible] Bonsall
Mary Alice Kelley } Clerks

William Daniel
Correspondent.

We have received the annexed communication from our Quarterly Meetings Clerk relative to changes in the Discipline &c.

We appoint Thomas J. Battey Robert P. Gifford and Daniel Meader to solicit contributions for the foreign mission work under the charge of our Yearly Meeting, and forward the same to Geo Howland &c.

The committee appointed on the request of Henry Thomas Cooper report attention to the subject and are continued another month.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Ninth Month 1884.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9mo. 24. 1884.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting the representatives to this are Jos. H Atwater & Wm G. Coffin one of whom is present.

We appoint Thomas Harkness Edom Knowles and Robert P. Gifford to unite with such as the womens meeting may name and present next month the names of friends to serve this meeting as members of Society and overseers of the poor.

The same friends are also requested to present the names of caretakers of meeting houses funerals and burial grounds and reporters of births and deaths to the recorder.

We also appoint Augustine Jones and Daniel Meader to audit and settle the treasurers account, and present the name of a friend for treasurer and of friends for

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8mo 7th 1884. the request of the late Yearly Meeting in relation to the appointment of Committees by the several Mo. Mtgs to "solicit additional funds" for carrying forward the concern of that Meeting in Foreign Mission work upon Mt. Lebanon. (See minute No 28 in Printed Minutes of the Yr. Mtg) was united with by this Meeting, and the several Mo. Mtgs with in our limits are hereby requested to appoint such committees and report the amount thus raised for that purpose in their accounts to the Quarterly Meeting in 5th mo. 1885.

Also received printed slips containing the changes and additions made in our present Book of Discipline by the late Yr. Meeting. accompanied with a request also that one of said slips be placed in each Book of Discipline in use by this and the other subordinate Meeting within its limits, between pages 74 and 75 in the Edition of the Book of Discipline of 1878.

and the Clerk of this Meeting is directed to
place in the hands of one of the Representatives
to this Meeting from each of the Mo Mtgs a sufficient
number of said slips for insertion in each
Book of Discipline used by the Subordinate
Meetings within our limits (also a small number
of the same for distribution among the members
thereof) and each Monthly Meeting is request
to acknowledge the receipt of the same, in
the same manner as other official documents
or information is acknowledged by them to
the Quarterly Meeting in 5 mo 1885

Taken from the minutes of the aforesaid
Meeting

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Note: Should other slips be desired they can be
obtained by addressing Geo. Howland Jun,
Treas of the Yr. Mtg. New Bedford Mass. free
of Charge

Ninth Month 1884.

clerk, assistant clerk, auditors and recorder.

We have received at this time our quota of the London General Epistle for 1884 for distribution. One of these we have read to our comfort and instruction.

The committee in Henry J. Cooper's case, not being ready to report, are continued.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Tenth Month 1884.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10 mo. 29. 1884.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Calvin Knowles and Joseph H. Atwater, who are present.

We have received the following report, which is accepted and the friends therein named are appointed to the stations designated for one year or until another appointment.

Report.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

The committee to examine and settle the treasurer's account &c, report attention to their appointment. We find them correct and balances on hand as follows:

On the Monthly Meeting acct., Two hundred twenty four dollars and twenty four cents.

On the charitable School fund account, Ninety two dollars & 38 cents;

On the Deborah H. Jenks Fund account, One hundred seventy seven dollars & 48 cts.

On the Burying ground account, forty three dollars and 29 cents. And propose Thomas Harkness for treasurer.

We also propose for clerks of the Monthly Meeting, Thomas J. Battey for clerk and Robert P. Gifford for assistant clerk. And for auditors James Dennis & Calvin Knowles, and for Recorder Samuel Austin.

On behalf of the Committee,
Augustine Jones.

Tenth Month 1884.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and answers adopted to the usual number which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Augustine Jone Thomas Harkness and Joseph S. Holmes, whom we appoint our representatives.

We have received the following report which is accepted and the friends therein named are reappointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment; our women's meeting concurring.

Report.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

The committee appointed last month to present the names of frien for officers of society, have agreed upon the following viz

Overseers of Society.

Thomas J. Battey Sarah J. Hanson
Robert P. Gifford. Daniel Meader
Ellen K. Buffum John H. Meader
Louisa N. Meader.

Overseers of the Poor.

Robert P. Gifford, Elizabeth A. Gifford
Dorcas B. Robinson Louisa N. Meader
Elizabeth Thorne Daniel Meader
Celinda Metcalf.

On behalf of the committee.
Thomas Harkness
Mary Metcalf.

Providence 10 mo. 29. 1884.

The following report was also received and accepted and the friends therein named are likewise appointed for one year or until another appointm

Report.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

The committee appointed last month to present the names of friends for services as herein stated have agreed upon the following viz:

Tenth Month 1884.

Caretakers of Meeting houses Burial grounds and Funerals:

James Dennis Samuel Austin Joseph H. Atwater Robert B. Hanson Robert P. Gifford	For Providence and Scituate.
Daniel Meader John H. Meader Joseph L. Holmes	Smithfield & Cumberland

For Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder.

Daniel Meader
Thomas J. Battey
Robert P. Gifford.

On behalf of the committee.
Calvin Knowles.

Providence 10 mo. 9. 1884.

We have united with our womens meeting in in receiving a removal certificate from Dover Monthly Meeting N H. in favor of Mary Gornal (now [illegible]).

The following was received and being united with the committee are released from their appointment.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The committee to visit Thomas H. Cooper on account of his request report that they have given attention to the case, and that in their opinion the subject does not require the further care of the meeting.

Daniel Meader
Samuel Austin
Robert P. Gifford.

Prov. 29th mo. 1884.

Our beloved friend Charlotte D. Holmes returned at this time the minute granted her in the 7 mo last and presented satisfactory testimonials

10 mo. 5th
from Ohio Yearly Meeting, & Rochester Monthly Meeting N.Y.
She expresses with thankfulness that the services required of her has been accomplished with satisfaction to her own mind.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. First day morning meetings generally attended by most Friends. At all other meetings the attendance is small. The hour is observed, and unbecoming behavior avoided, with little exception.

Ans. 2.

With a little exception, love and unity are maintained, and detraction guarded against. When differences arise, endeavors are used to end them.

10th Ans.

We endeavor to administer the discipline with christian tenderness though it may not be so timely and and impartially as would be best.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Eleventh Month 1884

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11 mo. 26. 1884.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Thomas Harkness and Calvin Knowles, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned, we have received the accompanying minute (see margin) from the

To Providence Mo Meeting
of Friends

Dear Friends

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held 11 mo 6th 1884, it was concluded to raise the sum of Nine hundred (900) dollars for the use of that Mtg the coming year, and the several Monthly Meetings were requested to forward their proportion of that sum to James Dennis our Treasurer

Taken from the minutes of the aforesaid Meeting held as above

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

The quota of Providence Mo Mtg is $252 -
28 per cent

clerk of the Quarterly meeting relative to stock by which it appears that our quota is $252.

Whereupon it is concluded to raise the sum of $652 (Six hundred & sixty two dollars) for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting. and James Dennis, Thomas Harkness and Daniel Meader are appointed to collect the same and pay to Thomas Harkness our Treasurer.

Samuel Austin, & Thomas J. Battey are appointed to prepare a removal certificate to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in favor of Edward H. Barker.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Twelfth Month. 1884

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 12 mo. 24. 1884:

By the account from our Preparative meeting it appears, that the representatives to this are, James Dennis and Wm. G. Coffin, who are present.

The committee in Edward H. Barker's case, not being ready to report are continued.

We have received the following communicaton Viz.

Providence, Dec. 24, 1884.

To the Providence Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends.

Dear Friends.

After deliberation, not without prayer and a desire for heavenly guidance I have joined another religious denomination - The Union Congregational Church of Providen and hereby signify my desire to withdraw from membership in the Society of Friends.

Edward E. Slocum.

After serious consideration we conclude to grant his request; our womens meeting concurring and Robert P. Gifford is appointed to inform him of the decision of the meeting, and extend to him from us an expression of our kindly christian regard

We have also received the following viz—

over

Twelfth Month 1884.

Providence, R.I. 12-12-1884.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Believing that my views of the Christian Religion are in accordance with the Orthodox doctrines of Friends I hereby request to be united in membership with your Religious Society.

Yours Respectfully,
Chas. Benson.

Whereupon we appoint James Dennis and Robert P. Gifford to confer with him on the subject, and report their judgment of the matter to our next meeting.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

First Month 1885.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo. 28, 1885.

By an account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Daniel Meader and Joseph H. Atwater one of whom is present.

The queries have been read in this meeting and answers to the usual number from our preparative meeting a summary of which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Hartness Thomas J. Battey & Joseph L. Holmes whom we have appointed representatives. The committee on the request for membership received last month, made the following report viz,

Providence 1st Mo [illegible] 1885.

To the Monthly Meeting

We believe Charles Benson to be convinced of the truth as held by us and are united in his being received and recorded a member of our Religious Society.

By the Committee appointed last month

James Dennis
Robert P. Gifford

which is accepted in concurrence with our women's meeting and he is accordingly

First Month 1885

admitted a member of our Society, and Robert P. Gifford is appointed to inform him of the same

Samuel Austin and Robert P. Gifford are appointed to make the necessary preparations for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting and report the expense next month.

Our treasurer reports that our quota of Quarterly Meeting stock has been paid to the treasurer of that meeting.

The committee in the case of Edward H. Barker not being ready to report are continued and requested to bestow such attention to the subject as circumstances may seem to require and report at a future meeting.

We have united with our women's meeting in receiving a removal certificate from Monthly Meeting N.H. in favor of Elizabeth H. Smith.

Robert P. Gifford reports that he has informed Edward Slocum of the action of the meeting in his case.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1.

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held. First day morning meetings are generally attended by most friends. At all other meetings the attendance is small. With little exception the hour is observed and unbecoming behavior avoided.

Ans. 2.

With little exception love and unity are maintained among us. The active friends endeavor to guard against detraction and to end differences when they appear.

Ans 10.

We believe the discipline is administered in Christian tenderness though it may not always be so timely and impartially as would be best.

Thomas J. Bailey,
Clerk.

Second Month 1885.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2 mo 25, 1885.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Samuel Austin and Thomas Harkness who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

Robert P. Gifford reports that he has informed Charles Benson of his admission as a member of this meeting

The committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported an expense twenty three $33 and 33/100 Dollars which is satisfactory and the treasurer of this Monthly Meeting is hereby authorized to pay the same.

Mary H. Merrill attended this meeting and presented a certificate from Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends, Me. expressing unity with her as a minister and in her present religious engagement. Her company and services have been very acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf such returning minute as the womens meeting may give her embodying the substance of this.

Samuel Austin and Thomas J. Batley were appointed to revise the list of our members and prepare a summary of statistics as required by the Yearly Meeting.

Thomas J. Batley
Clerk

Third Month 1885.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo. 25, 1885.

The clerk being absent, Robert P. Gifford was appointed clerk for the day.

By account from the Preparative Meeting it appears that James Dennis and Calvin Knowles are representatives to this meeting both of whom are present.

We have appointed Robert P. Gifford, Thomas Harkness, and Daniel Meader

Third Month 1885.

a committee to unite with a similar Committee from our womens meeting, to revise the list of members of our meeting on ministry and oversight as contemplated by our discipline.

Robert P. Gifford
Clerk for the day.

Fourth Month 1885.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4 mo. 29, 1885:

By the account from our preparative meeting, it appears that the representatives to this are Daniel Meader and Wm. G. Coffin who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and answers adopted. These we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness Robert P. Gifford and Augustine Jones, whom we appoint our representatives. They are requested to assemble at the meeting house in East Greenwich on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting at 7 o'Clock A.M.

The Committee on Statistics presented the following abstract which is accepted and the Clerk is directed to forward the same to the Quarterly Meeting.

To Providence Monthly of Friends.

The Committee on Statistics make the following report; which appended to the present record will it is believed, exhibit our membership."

Number of members last year. 227.

From which deduct 8, namely [illegible] Remington, Anna Anthony, [illegible] Deborah Stevens, Ashby A. Thorne, & Sarah J. Graves deceased; Edward E. Slocum, released from membership at his own request. and one name erroneously entered.

To which number add 6, viz. 4 minors (either George and Mary Cornell, Mary Evans (formerly Gornall) and Elizabeth H. Smith.

Also 1 Charles Benson recd on his request, and 1 birth –

over

Tenth Month 1885.

Catharine, daughter of Benj. and Mary Buffum 6

Present number 2126

Samuel Austin }
Thomas J. Batley }

The committee on revising the list of members belonging to the Meeting on Ministry and oversight reported that they had no changes to propose in the list as appointed two years ago which is acceptable and the same friends are appointed to that meeting accordingly, our Womens meeting concurring.

Collect. for Brumana

The committee on collections for foreign mission work report that there has been collected and forwarded to George Howland Jr. for Friends Syrian Mission at Brumana, the sum of one hundred ($146) and fortyfive dollars.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans 1.

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held except one small meeting on account of sickness. First day morning meetings generally attended by most friends. At all other meetings the attendance is small.

With little exception the hour is observed and unbecoming behavior avoided.

Ans. 2

With little exception love and unity are maintained among us. We believe friends endeavor to guard against detraction and to end difficulties when they appear.

Ans. 3.

While many friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation encouraging the same in their children, we fear that others are remiss in these important duties.

Ans 4.

We believe friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures as queried often encouraging their children and others in this important duty, and generally maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

Fourth Month 1885.

Ans. 5

We know of no violation of our discipline in the use of intoxicating liquors.
Improper amusements and diversions mostly avoided. We believe moderation in all things is generally observed.

Ans. 6.

The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their children.

Ans. 7

We know of no violation of our testimony in regard to the several particulars of this query.

Ans 8.

We believe friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9. Recording is attended to; a few removals without certificates some care taken.

Ans 10,

We believe the discipline is administered in christian tenderness though it may not always be so timely and impartially as ~~may~~ would be best.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Fifth Month 1885.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 27, 1885:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Samuel Austin and Joseph H. Atwater who are present.
The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Sixth Month 1885.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6 mo. 24. 1885.

By the account from our preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Thomas Harkness and [illegible] Knowles, one of whom is present.

We have received and read at this time the report of the Boarding School Committee for 1885.

This meeting directs our Treasurer, Thomas Harkness, who as trustee of the sixty one shares Stock in the American National Bank, of which the income is now used for general monthly meeting expenses to transfer the same & place it to the account of the Burying Ground Fund, so that the income may be used for the care of our Burial Ground.

Am. Nat. Bk shares

Thomas J. Battey.
Clerk.

Seventh Month 1885

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 29th 1885:

By the account from our preparative Meeting, the representatives to this are Jos H. Atwater and Daniel Meader who are present. The clerk being absent Robt P Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries have all been read with answers to the usual three to be presented to our next Quarterly Meeting at Newport in care of our friends Thomas Harkness Robt P. Gifford, and Daniel Meader whom we have appointed representatives to attend that meeting.

Received the following request from William L. Bates - viz, "I respectfully desire your prayerful consideration of this my request to become a member of your Religious Society" whereupon we appoint Robt B. Hanson and Robt P. Gifford a Committee to visit him on this account, and report next month.

Received our quota of the printed minutes of our late Yearly Meeting for distribution. Also

REPORT

OF THE

PROVIDENCE

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIXTH MONTH, 1885.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School present their Sixty-sixth Annual Report.

Although from a combination of circumstances, the whole number of scholars in attendance, especially in the latter part of the year, has been less than in some previous years, and of them a greater proportion than usual has been of the younger class, yet we feel that the character of the School has been maintained, and that good progress has been made.

An earnest religious feeling continues to be manifested in the boys' and girls' prayer meetings. In the former, a very satisfactory change is evidenced both by the testimony of the lip and of the life.

The health of the school has been remarkably good throughout the year. The average number of boarding pupils for the year has been 88 boys and 85 girls.

The following report from the auditors presents the financial statement for the year ending Sixth Month 24th, 1884.

PROVIDENCE, *Eighth Month 27th, 1884.*

To the N. E. Y. M. Boarding School Committee: — The Auditors report the following as the result of the operations of the past year:

RECEIPTS.

From the Elizabeth Fry Fund	$1,500 00	
From the Philip J. Tripp Fund	89 15	
From board and tuition of all other scholars	38,822 75	
From study of languages, etc.	3,564 67	
From the Treasurer of the School Fund	5.853 84	
		$49,830 41

EXPENSES.

Salaries, . .	$20,832 83;	Wages . .	$5,982 29 . . .	$26,815 12	
Provisions .	12,323 12;	City Tax .	2,665 10 . . .	14,988 22	
Repairs . .	2,420 57;	Fuel . . .	1,922 24 . . .	4,342 81	
Light . . .	1,189 78;	Water . .	393 74 . . .	1.583 52	
Balance of Laundry				338 28	
Other permanent improvements				284 89	
Papers and periodicals				58 30	
Library				115 63	
Carpentering department				116 34	
Interest				24 42	
Incidentals				963 03	
Net profit to the school				199 85	
					$49,830 41

The total deficiency of the School is now $1349.72 against $1549.57 a year ago.

JOHN F. TUCKER,
JAMES O. INMAN,
SAM'L R. BUFFINTON,
J. H. CHACE,
} *Auditors.*

The officers of government and instruction have been

AUGUSTINE JONES, A.M., Principal and Political Science.
WALTER S. MEADER, A.M., Governor and English Studies.
SUSAN S. MOORE, Governess and English Studies.
BESSIE T. WING, History and Literature.
THOMAS J. BATTEY, A.B., Natural Science.
J. MYRON POTTER, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.
BENJAMIN W. WELLS, Ph.D., Modern Languages.
ALBERT A. STANLEY, Instrumental Music.
WILMOT R. JONES, A.B., Mental and Moral Science and English.
JEAN E. GUILBERT, French.
CHARLES G. FARWELL, A.M., Greek and Latin.
MARY E. WING, English Studies.
MARY P. HELME, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
ALICE M. JONES, English Studies.
ALLEN W. WEEKS, Mechanic Arts.
LUCY R. WEAVER, M.D., Physiology.
GEORGE A. BARTON, A.B., Secretary and Book-keeper.
S. HELENA SUTTON, Librarian.

At the meeting of the Committee in Eighth Month the following minute was made: — "The question of admitting day scholars to the School having been introduced, the subject was freely discussed, and resulted in authorizing the Principal to admit such students as, in his discretion, he may judge suitable."

AT the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, in the Sixth Month, 1885, the following Minute was directed to our Subordinate Meetings:

"The Meeting was brought under an earnest concern that the Spirituality of the Gospel and its advocacy by Ministers and others, shall be maintained inviolate. We desire to protect our membership from all influences which are not in accordance with the clear testimony of our Religious Society and the teaching of the New Testament. We believe in the Spiritual nature of Christ's kingdom, and that all outward ceremonies have been fulfilled and ended in Christ. This Meeting records its judgment for the guidance of its Subordinate Meetings, that those holding or teaching a contrary doctrine cannot be received as acceptable Ministers of the Society of Friends, within our limits."

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting.

WM. O. NEWHALL, } *Clerks.*
ANNA G. WOOD, }

During the year 14 boys and 9 girls have been admitted as day scholars, and, as far as we have learned, the privilege has been appreciated, with good results to those who have been admitted and to the School.

By reference to the new catalogue, it will be seen that a change of the time of opening the School in Ninth Month, from the first Fourth-day to the second Fourth-day in the month has been established by direction of the Committee.

In Second Month the Committee on Sale of Land reported that they had made sale of a house and lot of land to the occupant, for whom it was built, at a satisfactory price; the Committee was directed to place the net proceeds of the sale in the hands of the Treasurer of the School Fund, to be held by him, subject to the order of the Building Committee, which Committee is authorized to build additional houses, whenever in their discretion it is expedient to do so.

In Eighth Month we were informed by our Principal that he had received from an esteemed friend of the School the sum of $500, with which to secure a bust of Elizabeth Fry, of the same quality as that of John Bright, and that further sums would come later to complete the work.

At our meeting Third Month 3d, we were further informed that a pedestal of beautiful Tennessee marble, upon which to place the bust, had already arrived. It was confidently expected that the whole would have been complete by this time, the pedestal and bust occupying the corner of Alumni Hall opposite that of John Bright; but although, as we understand, finished, the bust has been detained in London, and is not expected to reach us until some time in Eighth Month next. By the time of the opening of the School in Ninth Month it will undoubtedly be arranged, and the unveiling made an occasion of much interest to all concerned.

In fulfilment of the intimation in last year's report, the School has, by a munificent gift from an honored member of the Committee, been made the recipient of an almost full length portrait of our beloved friend, John G. Whittier; at our meeting in the Eleventh Month the following minute, relating thereto, was entered upon our records:

"The great historic event referred to in the communication from the Principal, that of placing in Alumni Hall, by Charles F. Coffin, an almost full length portrait of John G. Whittier, was one of much interest and gratification, as was evinced by the large gathering convened in the Hall in the forenoon of the day of its presentation (Tenth Month 24th) to listen to the fitting and eloquent address of Thomas Chase, LL.D., President of Haverford College, and again in the afternoon to hear the address of Augustine Jones, A.M., Principal of the School, on its reception, and also to the remarks of many of the friends of the Poet, and of the School; and further, to hear read many letters from friends who were unable to attend.

We cordially tender to our friend and associate Charles F. Coffin, our high appreciation of, and our sincere thanks for, his rich gift to the School of this admirable portrait of our universally beloved and honored friend."

It hangs in Alumni Hall, between the busts of John Bright and of Elizabeth Fry (as proposed), where, in the words of a distinguished son of Massachusetts (in his grateful acknowledgement of the kind invitation to be present, but regretting his inability to meet with the other invited guests on the interesting occasion), "it will have a companionship as enviable as it will be appropriate. Eloquence, poetry and philanthropy will form an inspiring group for your scholars to have before their eyes, and may lead them to emulate what they admire."

We propose that the rates for admission to the School the coming year be the same as for the last year, viz:

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$150 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting	250 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge to be made, for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, ten dollars; for one year's instruction in Pencil Drawing, fifteen dollars: for one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing and Painting, thirty dollars.

With hearts overflowing with gratitude to our Father in Heaven for the many mercies vouchsafed, we again commend the Institution, with all its interests, to His paternal regard, and to your fostering care.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, JUN., *Clerk.*

BOARDING SCHOOL, PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sixth Month 2d, 1885.

NOTE.—The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 9th, 1885, and closes Second Month 3d, 1886. The Spring Term begins Second Month 3d, 1886, and closes Sixth Month 29th, 1886.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 4th of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address AUGUSTINE JONES, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

the printed slip for insertion in our book of discipline And the Copy of minute addressed to Subordinate meetings.

Robt P. Gifford
Clerk for the day

Answers

1st All our Meetings for Religious Worship and discipline have been regularly held Except one meeting for worship. First Day morning Meetings Generally attended by most friends. the mid-week Meetings are not well attended and those on First Day Afternoon Continue very small, with little Exception the hour is Observed and unbecoming behavior mostly avoided.

2— With little Exception love and unity are maintained And detraction mostly guarded against. When differences Arise, Endeavors are used to End them.

10th When the discipline is administered, we believe it is in Christian tenderness, though it may not always be so timely and impartially as would be best.

Eighth Month 1885

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo 26th 1885.

By accounts from the Preparative Meeting the Representatives to this are Samuel Austin and Calvin Knowles who are present.

The Clerk being absent Robt P. Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended

The Committee appointed last month to visit Wm L. Bates made the following report ~~which~~ viz, "To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends— We have had a satisfactory interview with Wm L Bates on account of his request for membership and we believe he is sincere and convinced of our views of the Christian religion And are united in his being received and re-

Eighth Month continued

corded a Member."

(signed) Robt B. Kenyon }
Robt P. Gifford } Committee

Which is satisfactory to this meeting, our womens meeting concurring and Samuel Austin is appointed to inform him that his request is accepted.

Received the annexed Communication from the Clerk of our Quarterly Meeting, whereupon we appoint Thos J. Battey, Robt P. Gifford and Daniel Meader a Committee to receive and forward subscriptions in aid of the object mentioned and report to this meeting in fourth month next

Robt P. Gifford
Clerk for the day

Ninth Month, 1885.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 mo. 23, 1885.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting we find that the representatives to this are Thomas Harkness and Samuel Austin, who are present.

Samuel Austin reports that he has informed Wm L. Bates of the acceptance by this meeting of his request for membership.

We appoint Thomas Harkness Daniel Meader and Robert P. Gifford to unite with a committee of the womens meeting to [illegible] and present next month the names of friends to serve this meeting as overseers of society and overseers of the poor.

The same friends are also requested to report the names of friends for caretakers of meeting houses & burial grounds and reporters of births and deaths to the recorder.

We also appoint Daniel Meader & Robert P. Gifford to audit and settle the treasurer's account, report the name of a friend for treasurer and of friends for clerk, assistant clerk, auditors & recorder, for the ensuing year.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Newport 8 mo 6th 1885. That Meeting was united in requesting our Monthly to appoint Committees. as heretofore, to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the Mission Work on Mount Lebanon Syria – And they were also united in requesting them ~~in~~ to aid the Committee on "Indian Affairs" by sending to Anthony M Kimber Treasurer of said Committee such sums of Money as may be contributed within their limits in aid of that very worthy concern of the Yearly Meeting. And all sums of Money thus contributed by them in aid of Either or both of the above named Concerns. are directed to be furnished the Quarterly Meeting in their accounts to that Meeting in 5th Month next year. By direction of the aforesaid Q. Meeting

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Ninth Month continued 1885.

The following communication was received from the Clerk of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, Mass. viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting having received a request from John Brewer (formerly a member of [illegible] Mo. Mtg.) to be reinstated, and the committee reporting favorably thereon, its clerk was directed to inquire of Providence Monthly Mtg. if there was any objection to his being reinstated a member of the Society of Friends.

By direction of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends held [illegible]th of 9th mo. 1885.

James G. Arnold, Clerk,

Worcester 10th, [illegible] month 1885.

J. G. Arnold

Correspondent.

Whereupon we appoint Samuel Austin to examine our records of the case & report next month.

We have united with our Women's meeting in receiving a removal certificate from [illegible] Monthly Meeting in favor of [illegible]

We have received at this time our quota of the London General Epistle for 1885 for distribution. One of which we have read & found it to contain sound wisdom and instruction, which we earnestly desire may minister to our growth in the truth.

Thomas J. Battey

Clerk.

Tenth Month, 1885

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10 mo. 28th 1885.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Daniel Meader and Samuel Austin who are present.

We have received the following report which is accepted and the friends therein named are appointed to the stations designated, for one year or until another appointment.

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Tenth Month continued

Providence 10 mo, 28. 1885.

To the Monthly Meeting,

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts find them correct and balance on hand to credit of monthly meeting as $195.4

Burying ground do $33.[illegible]; Deborah H. Jenks do $16.28; School fund do 7.32

We propose for Treasurer the ensuing year Thomas Harkness, and for Clerk Thomas J. Battey with Robert P. Gifford assistant clerk.

For auditors James Dennis & Calvin Knowles, & for Recorder Samuel Austin.

In behalf of the Committee,

Robert P. Gifford.

The queries have been read in this meeting and answers adopted to the usual number which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness, Robert P. Gifford & Daniel Meader whom we appoint representatives.

We have received the following report, which is adopted and the friends therein named are appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment, our womens meeting concurring.

Providence 10 mo. 28 1885.

To the Monthly Meeting

The committee appointed last month to bring forward the names of friends for officers of Society are united in proposing the following viz

For Overseers of Society

Daniel Meader Ellen K. Buffum
Robert B. Hanson Sarah J. Hanson
[illegible] H. Meader Louisa A. Meader
Robert P. Gifford,

Those for overseers of the poor

Robert P. Gifford Daniel Meader
Dorcas B. Robinson Louisa A. Meader
Elizabeth A. Thorne Belinda Metcalf.
Elizabeth A. Gifford

In behalf of the Committee

Thomas Harkness
Rebecca A. Slee

The following report was also received and adopted and the friends therein named are likewise appointed for one year or until another appointment

Tenth Month (continued).

Providence 10 mo. 28, 1885.

To the Monthly Meeting:

The committee appointed for the purpose, propose for caretakers of meeting houses & funerals & burial grounds, for Prov. & Scituate

Thomas Harkness James Dennis
Samuel Austin Joseph H. Atwater
Robert B. Hanson Robert P. Gifford.

Smithfield and Cumberland.

Daniel Meader John K. Meader & Joseph L. Holmes.

For Reporters

Daniel Meader, Thomas J. Battey, & Robert P. Gifford.

On behalf of the Committee

Robert P. Gifford.

Samuel Austin reported as requested in the case of John Brewer and our clerk is directed to inform Uxbridge Monthly Meeting that this meeting makes no objection to his being reinstated as a member of our society, our women's meeting concurring.

Cynthia J. Earle attended this meeting and presented a certificate of unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement from Greenwich Monthly Meeting R.I. Her company has been acceptable to us.

Answers to Queries.

Ans 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except one [illegible]. First day morning meetings are generally attended by most friends at all other meetings the attendance is small. The hour generally observed and unbecoming behavior avoided with little exception.

Ans 2nd

Love and unity generally maintained and we believe detraction is guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

Ans 10.

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline when required in Christian tenderness firmly and impartially.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Eleventh Month 1885.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo. 25, 1885:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting, the representatives to this are James Dennis and Wm. P. Gifford who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

We have received the accompanying communication from our Quarterly Meetings clerk relative to stock, by which it appears that our quota is two hundred and fifty two dollars ($252.) Wherefore it is concluded to raise the sum of Seven hundred and fifty dollars ($750.) for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting, and James Dennis, Thomas Harkness, and Daniel Meader are appointed to collect the same and pay to Thomas Harkness our Treasurer.

Thomas J. Willey,
Clerk.

Twelfth Month, 1885.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 12 mo. 30, 1885:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting, it appears that the representatives to this are James Dennis and Calvin Knowles, who are present.

The clerk being absent, Robt. P. Gifford was appointed clerk for the day.

Robert P. Gifford
Clerk for the day.

First Month 1886.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 1st mo. 27, 1886.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Robert B. Hanson, & Daniel Meader, one of whom is present.

The Queries Have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number, which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness, Robert P. Gifford and Joseph L. Holmes, whom we have appointed representatives they are desired to meet with those

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 5 1885. It was concluded to raise Nine hundred (900) dollars for the use of that Meeting the Coming year, and the several Mo Meetings are requested to forward their respective roportions of that amount to James Davis our Treasurer

From the Minutes of the aforesaid Meeting

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Providence Mo Mtgs Quota is $252 = 28/00

Second Month 1886.

[illegible] and Thomas [illegible] who were present the representatives to [illegible] that they attended except one who was absent from the business meeting, and who presented a sufficient reason therefor.

The committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported the expense of twenty twelve dollars which is satisfactory & the treasurer of this Monthly Meeting is hereby authorized to pay the same.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Third Month 1886.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd mo. 24, 1886:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Samuel Austin, & James Dennis who are present.

Samuel Austin and Robert P. Gifford are appointed a committee to revise the list of our members and prepare a summary of statistics to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting in next 5th mo.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Fourth Month 1886.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo. [illegible] 1886

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Thomas J. Battey & Daniel Meader who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting and answers [illegible] which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by James Dennis, Robert P. Gifford and Joseph L. Holmes whom we appoint our representatives. They are requested to assemble in the meeting house at East Greenwich on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting at [illegible] o'clock.

The Committee on Statistics presented the following abstract which is approved and the clerk is directed to forward the information to the Qr. Meeting.

Providence 4th mo 28/86

To the Monthly Meeting

The following is the report on Statistics.

Number of Members last year 225

Rec'd by Certificate

Sarah E. Farnum 1

" by request

Wm. L. Bates 1

By Birth

Son of Chas. & Hannah Bensen 1

228

Deceased during the year
Mary Metcalf and
Nathan Stevens not previously
reported } 2

Present number 226

3d mo 1st 1886

On behalf of the Com

Robt P. Gifford

Fourth Month, 1886.

The committee on collections for foreign missions report that there has been collected and forwarded to Timothy B. Hussey for Friends' Syrian Mission at Brumana the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150)
We have received at this time from the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, a package of tracts on the subject of Oaths issued by the Representative Meeting for general distribution.

We have accepted the following removal certificate in favor of Melvin W. Meader, our womens meeting concurring.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

M.W. Meader's Certif. Dear Friends,

We send you a removal certificate in behalf of Melvin W. Meader now residing within your limits.

This may certify that he is a member of this meeting and has settled his temporal affairs satisfactorily as far as appears.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Sandwich (N.H.) Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo 5th 1885.

Thomas W. Hoag
Elizabeth G. Meader } Clerks.

Russell Hoag,
Correspondent.

Cumb. Mtg. The question of discontinuing the meeting for worship at Cumberland having been brought to our notice, the subject is left with the overseers to examine and report their judgment thereon next month.

Our treasurer reports that he has paid our quota of Quarterly Meeting Stock to the treasurer of the Quar. Meeting.

Thomas J. Potter.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except those at Cumberland which with one exception have not been held the current year.

Fourth Month 1876

First day morning meetings are generally attended by most Friends. at all other meetings the attendance is small. With little exception the hour is observed and unbecoming behavior avoided.

Ans. 2nd

With little exception love and unity are maintained and detraction guarded against. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 3rd

Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation and for the most part endeavor to train the children in accordance with our Christian profession

Ans 4th

As far as we know friends are [illegible] in the practice of reading the Holy Scriptures as queried after

[illegible] our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained.

Ans 5th

We know of no one using intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Care is taken to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character and to observe true moderation in all things

Ans 6th

The circumstances of the poor, and the education of their children are attended to.

Ans 7th So far as appears Friends are clear in our testimony as to military [illegible] and public revenue.

Ans 8th

We believe Friends are clear in their business matters as queried after.

Ans 9th

Our records are attended to. A few [illegible] without certificates under notice.

Ans 10th

We think more care is necessary in administering the discipline.

S. A. Bates Clerk.

Fifth Month, 1886.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 5mo. 25 1886:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are ~~present except~~ Samuel Austin and Joseph H. Atwater, one of whom is present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The overseers not being ready to report on the subject of Cumberland meeting the matter is postponed one month. Cumb. Mtg. postponed.

Thomas J. Battey.
Clerk.

Sixth Month 1886.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo. 23rd, 1886:

By the account from our preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Robert B. Cranson and Joseph H. Atwater, who are present.

The report of the Boarding School Com. for 1886 was received and read.

The following report was received from the overseers, which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the suggestion therein made is adopted in concurrence with our womens meeting.

Providence 6mo 23, 1886.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The overseers have conferred together in regard to the meeting at Cumberland.

Four of us visited the meeting the last first day of 5th month, which was ~~[illegible]~~ appointed by us and attended by about sixty persons.

After hearing from the members in that vicinity we are united in the belief that it will be best to hold a meeting for worship at the Cumberland Meeting on the last first day of each month

Sixth Month 1886.

month, until otherwise directed by the Monthly meeting.

[illegible] of the women

Robert P. Gifford.
Louisa N. Meader.

Robert P. Gifford and Thomas J. Battey are appointed to prepare a removal certificate for Willis H. White to Greenwich Monthly Meeting and present to our next meeting if nothing appears to prevent.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Seventh Month 1886

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 28th 1886

By accounts from the Preparative Meeting the representatives to this are Daniel Meader and Robt B Hanson who are present

The Clerk being absent Robt P. Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day

The Queries have all been read at this time And Answers to the usual three to be presented to our next Quarterly Meeting at Newport in Care of our friends Samuel Austin Thomas Harkness And Robt B Hanson whom we have appointed representatives to attend that meeting.

The Committee appointed last month to prepare a removal Certificate for Willis H. White have presented the following viz

To Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Willis H White having removed to reside within your limits this may Certify that he is a member of this Meeting and his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction. ~~xxx~~ We recommend him to your Christian Care & fellowship.

— Which was directed to be signed in the usual way and forwarded to Greenwich Mo Mtg our Womens Meeting concurring.

Rec'd our quota of the printed Minutes of our Yrly Mtg for distribution

Robt P Gifford
Clerk for the day

REPORT

OF THE

Providence Boarding School Committee.

SIXTH MONTH, 1886.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the Boarding School in again presenting their Annual Report, can but little more than repeat what they have heretofore said, that the School continues its onward progress, steadily, faithfully, and in a great degree to their satisfaction.

The number of scholars in attendance has not been as large as in some former years. This falling off in numbers does not apply solely to our School, but it obtains in many private schools as well. The decrease in numbers may be attributed in part to the depressed condition of the business of the country at large, and also in part, perhaps largely, to the higher standard of our public schools, of which, parents living remote from our School are availing themselves, and thus keeping their children under their immediate care.

The average number of scholars for the past year has been sixty-nine boys, and seventy-six girls, as boarders, and twenty-six day scholars.

The excellent sanitary condition of the household reported last year has continued thus far through the year, which will close on the 22d inst.

The following list comprises the names of the officers of government and instruction for the past year: —

Augustine Jones, A.M., Principal and Political Science.
Walter S. Meader, A.M., Governor and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess and English Studies.
Bessie T. Wing, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Science.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Benjamin W. Wells, Ph.D., Modern Languages.
Albert A. Stanley, Instrumental Music.
Wilmot R. Jones, A.B., Mental and Moral Science and English.
William C. Ladd, A.M., Latin, and in charge of School-room.
Charles G. Farwell, A.M., Greek and Latin.
George A. Barton, A.M., Higher Mathematics.

CLARA A. WINSLOW, English Studies.
MARY P. HELME, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
ALICE M. JONES, English Studies.
ALLEN W. WEEKS, Mechanic Arts.
LAURA F. WEEKS, Calisthenics.

WILMOT R. JONES, Secretary and Book-keeper.
ANNIE E. EWER, Librarian.

The following Report of the Auditors, made to the Committee in Ninth Month last, gives the condition of the Treasury at the close of the year in Sixth Month last.

PROVIDENCE, Ninth Month 15th, 1885.

To the N. E. Y. M. Boarding School Committee:

The Auditors report the following as the result of the financial operations of the School for the past year.

RECEIPTS.

From the Elizabeth Fry Fund for Board and Tuition	$1,500 00	
From the Philip J. Tripp Fund for Board and Tuition	104 15	
For Board and Tuition from all other sources	38,657 89	
For Study of Languages, Music and other extras . .	3,652 10	
From Treasurer of the "School Fund"	5,843 38	
		$49,757 52

EXPENSES.

For Salaries	$20.182 40	
Wages	7,312 09	
Provisions	10.883 85	
Repairs and renewals	3,353 63	
Water	501 63	
Fuel	1,715 18	
Light	1,011 73	
Papers and periodicals	83 92	
Incidentals	924 91	
Library	254 10	
Improvements	231 60	
City Tax for 1884	2,750 65	
	$49,205 69	
Net profit for one year's work (over taxes and all other expenses)	551 83	
		$49,757 52

The total deficiency of the School at the close of the financial year is $797.89, against $1,349.72 the previous year.

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
J. H CHACE,
ROB'T P. GIFFORD,
} *Auditors.*

During the year a double cottage house has been built on the School premises, and is now occupied by satisfactory tenants. An additional lot of land has been sold, the proceeds from which have been paid to the Treasurer of the School Fund.

In the Ninth Month last, the Committee authorized the introduction into the house of a system of electric clocks, by which a uniform standard of time might be established throughout the several departments, thus systematizing to a very exact point the movements of the family and of the classes in their changes from one recitation room to another; there are two dials, and twelve bells, all indicating the same moment of time in as many rooms. The cost of this improvement has been $474, of which the sum of $300 was donated for the purpose by our Principal, Augustine Jones.

As was foreshadowed in our last report, the bust of Elizabeth Fry safely reached Providence in the Eighth Month last, the unveiling of it occurring on the 29th of Ninth Month.

It may not be generally known that the means for procuring and placing in position this exceedingly beautiful work of art were donated by Ella J. Wheeler, of Boston, to whom the School was already indebted for the generous gift made by her in the year 1881, of the "Elizabeth Fry Fund," the income of which is, by the terms of the gift, to be forever appropriated for the education of "children not in affluence."

The unveiling of the bust was an occasion of very great interest, as was indicated by the presence of the large company gathered in Alumni Hall on that beautiful afternoon, the most peculiar feature of it being that it was in every sense a "woman's celebration," not a male voice being heard in the hall during the entire services. To say that it was a success is superfluous.

The bust stands on a beautifully wrought and highly polished pedestal of Tennessee marble, in the south-east corner of Alumni Hall, opposite that of John Bright, with the portrait of John G. Whittier between them.

The following extract from the Minutes of the Committee, made at their Meeting in Ninth Month last, tells its own story:

"The Committee was informed that our Principal, Augustine Jones, was desirous of the privilege of suspending from the wall of Alumni Hall, a portrait of our late dear friend, Sybil Jones, a donation from himself to the School. The privilege was freely accorded him, and the Clerk was directed to inform him thereof, and also to express to him our gratitude for the gift, and our appreciation of his thoughtfulness and interest in the School in thus placing before us and our scholars the picture of one, who in her day filled a large place in our Society, and who was greatly beloved by all."

A very pleasing incident occurred at our Meeting in the Eighth Month last. A former pupil of the School, who received the benefit of the Charitable Fund from Ninth Month 1880 to Third Month 1881, offered to return to the Treasury of the School the amount thus granted her, as she says in the note making the offer, "not as a deed of charity, but simply a desire to owe no man anything." By direction, a note expressing the pleasure and satisfaction of the Committee in the course proposed, was sent to the person making the offer. The sum of $75.00 was subsequently received by the Principal and paid over to the Treasurer of the School Fund. This is, as we believe, the first instance of the kind in the history of the School.

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School the coming year be the same as for the past two years, viz: —

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$150 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting,	250 00
For all others who may be admitted, ...	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, $10.00; for one year's instruction in Pencil Drawing, $15.00; for one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing and Painting, $30.00.

With gratitude and love to our Heavenly Father for the many mercies received, and with a fervent desire that He will continue His paternal care over our Institution, and that it may receive the kind consideration of the Yearly Meeting, we conclude.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, Sixth Month 1st, 1886.

Note. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 8th, 1886, and closes Second Month 2d, 1887. The Spring Term commences Second Month 2d, 1887, and closes Sixth Month 21st, 1887.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the Third of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date, after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received.

Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

— Seventh Mo 1886 —

Answers to the 1st 2d & 10th Queries

1st — All our meetings for Religious worship and discipline have been regularly held First Day Morning Meetings generally attended by Most Friends All other Meetings are small, especially those on fifth days & First Day afternoons. The hour generally well observed and unbecoming behavior avoided

2 — With little exception love and unity are maintained and detraction guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

10th Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness & impartially though not always so timely as would be best.

Eighth Month 1886.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 8th mo 25 1886.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are, Thomas J. Battey and Calvin Knowles who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended. The following communication was received: viz

Providence R.I. 8th Mo /86.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

The undersigned would inform Friends that with Divine permission and your approbation we intend marriage with each other. The latter is an attender of Friends Meeting and not yet a member.

Signed

Joseph H. Heaton
Ellen M. Talcott.

Eighth Month 1886.

Whereupon we appoint Daniel Meader and Robert B. Hewson to make the necessary inquiries as to his clearness to proceed therein and report next month.

Thomas J. Batley
Clerk.

Ninth Month 1886.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 mo. 29. 86.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to us are Calvin Knowles and Samuel Austin who are present.

The committee appointed at our last meeting, having made the needful inquiry, report the clearness of Joseph [illegible] to proceed in marriage with Ellen M. Babcock, we accordingly leave them at liberty to accomplish their marriage in accordance with our discipline. And we appoint Thomas J. Batley and Robert P. Gifford to unite with a committee of the womens meeting, and extend the necessary care in the case, present the certificate for record, and report at our next monthly meeting.

At the request of the parties the time for the solemnization of their marriage is to be at the close of the midweek meeting on 5th day the [illegible] of 10 mo 1886.

We appoint Thomas Harkness, Daniel Meader and Calvin Knowles to unite with such as our womens meeting may name and present next month the names of friends to serve this meeting as Overseers of Society and Overseers of the poor. The same friends are also requested to report the names of friends for

Education, as referred to in Minute No 44
of the Printed Minutes of the Yr Mtg - And
the committees of the several Mo Meeting within
our limits are requested to add to their
statistical information heretofore reported (which
is required to be made up to the 1st of 3rd mo
each year) the additional facts, desired by
the Minute above referred to -- which together
with the amount raised for the concerns
previously named, you will report in your
accounts to Quarterly Meeting in 5th mo next
year - On behalf of the Meeting aforesaid

Saml L. Puffinton
Clerk

Note: See first part of the paragraph of Minute
No 44. in relation to Contributions for the
Foreign Mission Work. The foregoing information
will be reported in your accounts to the Qr
Meeting in 5th mo next year

To Providence Mo Meeting of
Friends

Dear Friends

At Rhode Island Qr Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 mo 5 1886. that Meeting united with the request of the late Yearly Meeting, to appoint as heretofore Committees in the several Mo. Mtgs to assist in raising the necessary additional funds for carrying on the "Foreign Mission Work" the coming year, You are therefore requested to appoint said Committee, and forward such sum of Money as may be raised within your limits for that concern of the Yr Meeting, to Timothy B Hussey Treasurer of the For. Mission Committee early in 1st Mo next. Also to appoint Committees to solicit funds to aid the "Indian Committee" of the Y. Mtg in their work. and forward to Anthony M Kimber Treasurer of said Committee the amount raised for that object - This Meeting also united in the recommendation of the Committee on

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caretakers of meeting houses, funerals and burial grounds and reporters of births and deaths to the recorder.

We also appoint Robert B. Hanson, Robert P. Gifford and Samuel Austin to audit and settle the Treasurers account report the name of a friend for treasurer and of friends for clerk assistant clerk auditors and recorder for the ensuing year.

We have received the annexed communication from the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, whereupon we appoint Wm L. Bate Robert P. Gifford and Daniel Meader a committee to receive and forward subscriptions in aid of the objects mentioned, and report to this meeting in the 4th mo. next.

Thomas J. Battey.
Clerk.

Tenth Month. 1886.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 10 mo. 27, 1886.

By the account from the preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Joseph H. Atwater and Robert B. Hanson who are present.

We have received the following report which is acceptable and the friends therein named are appointed to the stations designated, for one year or until another appointment.

To the Monthly Meeting

We have examined the treasurers account and vouchers and report the following balances on hand viz.

In favor of the general fund	$146.15
Ditto: Burial Fund acct	26.[illegible]
" Deborah [illegible] Legacy acct	[illegible]
" Charitable School Fund "	12.21

We would propose the friends named below for the several services designated.

Tenth Month 1886.

For Treasurer Thomas Harkness
" Clerk Thomas J. Battey
Assistant Clerk Robert P. Gifford
Recorder Samuel Austin
Auditors Calvin Knowles & Robert B. Hanson
Providence 27th of 6 mo '86.
On behalf of the Committee } Samuel Austin
Robert P. Gifford.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Augustine Jones Thomas Harkness and Robert B. Hanson, whom we appoint representatives.

We have received from the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting the appended document from the Representative Meeting, and also a number of copies of the same for distribution among our members.

The committee appointed last month to give the necessary care at the marriage of Joseph H. Atwater to Ellen M. Babcock report that the marriage was conducted in an orderly manner and the certificate deposited for record.

This meeting unites with a proposition from the overseers that the meeting at Cumberland be suspended after this month until 5th mo. next or [illegible] otherwise directed by this meeting.

The committee on revision & caretakers not being ready to report are continued and desired to report next month.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. Firstday morning meetings generally attended by most Friends. Mid

The following is a Minute of the Representative Meeting of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, at a Special Meeting of that body, held in Boston, Mass., Tenth Month, 16th, 1886, viz:

The Representative Meeting of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, recommends that our members maintain true and faithful loyalty to the said Yearly Meeting and its injunctions, more especially in relation to the matter contained in Minute No. 56 of the Minutes of 1885, which is as follows, viz:

> "We desire to protect our membership from all influences which are not in accordance with the clear testimony of our Religious Society and the teaching of the New Testament. We believe in the Spiritual nature of Christ's kingdom, and that all outward ceremonies have been fulfilled and ended in Christ. This Meeting records its judgment for the guidance of its Subordinate Meetings, that those holding or teaching a contrary doctrine cannot be received as acceptable Ministers of the Society of Friends, within our limits."

And the Representative Meeting authorizes and directs that Subordinate Meetings in said Yearly Meeting shall not receive the Certificates or issue Returning Minutes for Ministers or others in cases in which any doubt exists as to the unity of such persons with said Yearly Meeting or its instructions. And it further authorizes and directs the clerks and correspondents of such Subordinate Meetings to withhold their signatures from such Minutes, if issued or attempted to be issued.

The Meeting was brought under an earnest concern for the welfare of the Church in the present emergency. It was the desire of the Meeting to uphold all that is good, while it testifies clearly against anything that would compromise either the doctrine or established position of the Society of Friends in regard to the so-called outward ordinances or other fundamental principles.

We therefore appoint Benjamin F. Knowles, Richard Battey, Owen Dame, Hannah J. Bailey, Ellen K. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, George Howland, Jr., Susan T. Thompson, Anna G. Wood, Lydia C. Neal and Reuben T. Jones,—a Committee to extend Christian care over the Subordinate Meetings of our Yearly Meeting, and to advise and assist in preventing such Ministers or others not in unity as above mentioned, from being received or endorsed by Friends or Subordinate Meetings, contrary to the concern of this Meeting and the intent of the preceding Minute.

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY,
CLERK.

NORTH BERWICK, ME.,
10th mo., 20th, 1886.

Tenth Month 1886.

meetings and those on first day after-noons much neglected. The hour is generally observed, and unbecoming behavior avoided.
Ans 2nd

Love and unity are maintained except in a few instances and detraction generally guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.
Ans 10th

We endeavor to administer the discipline as queried after.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Eleventh Month 1886.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11 mo 24th 1886.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Leonard Austin and Daniel Meader who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

We have received the following report which is accepted and the friends therein named are appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment is made.

To the Monthly Meeting.
The Committee on Overseers of Society and Overseers of the Poor propose the following named friends:

Daniel Meader
Robert B. Hanson
John H. Meader
Robert P. Gifford
Ellen K. Buffum
Laura Hanson
Louisa A. Meader
For Overseers of Society

Robert P. Gifford Elizabeth A. Gifford
Dorcas S. Atkinson Daniel Meader
Elizabeth A. Thorne Louisa A. Meader
Celinda Metcalf
For Overseers of the Poor.

Eleventh Month 1886. (contin)

Providence 11th mo. 18th 1886.

W. Augusta Battey } For the
Daniel Meader } Committee

The following report was also received and complied with and the friends therein named are likewise appointed for one year or until another appointment.

To the Monthly Meeting

The committee on Caretakers of meeting houses grounds and burial grounds propose the following named friends.

For Providence and Scituate
Thomas Harkness
Samuel Austin
Robert B. Hanson,
James Dennis
Joseph H. Atwater
Robert P. Gifford

And for Smithfield and Cumberland
Daniel Meader
John H. Meader
Joseph L. Holmes.

Providence 11th mo. 18th 1886.

Daniel Meader } For the
Calvin Nicholes } Committee

We have read at this time the General Epistle from London Yearly Meeting for 1886 its clear statements of doctrine practical precepts and loving exhortation to the furthering of individual duty have we trust been very helpful to us.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Twelfth Month 1886.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 mo 29 1886.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Benjamin F. Nichols and Joseph H. Atwater who are present

We have received the accompanying

To Providence Monthly Meeting of
Friends

Dear friends

At Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
11 mo 4 1886, that meeting directed
the raising of Nine hundred ( ) 945
dollars for the use of the same
the ensuing year, and the several
Mo Meetings are requested to
forward their proportions of that
sum to James Dennis the
Treasurer of that Meeting ——

From
the Minutes of the Meeting aforesaid
Saml R Buffinton
Clerk

Providence Mo Meetings quota is 28 per
cent $ 266

Twelfth Month 1886 contd
minute from the clerk of the Quarterly
Meeting relative to stock in hand by which
it appears that our quota is ($266) Two hundred
and sixty six dollars therefore it is concluded
to raise the sum of one ($1000) thousand dollars
for the use of this and the quarterly meeting and
Thomas Perkins Daniel Meader and James Dennis
are appointed to collect the same
and pay it to Thomas Perkins our treasurer.
We have received our quota of the tract
which was sent down from the Representative
Meeting for distribution.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

First Month 1887.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 1st mo 26 1887
By the account from our
Preparative Meeting it appears that the
representatives to this are, Samuel Austin
and James Dennis all of whom is present.
The queries have been read in this
meeting with answers to the usual number
which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting
next to be held in Providence by Thomas
Perkins Daniel Meader & James Dennis whom
we appoint our representatives. They are requested
to meet at this house with the representatives of
the other Monthly Meetings at 10 o'clock on the
morning of the Quarterly Meeting.
Our dear friend Thomas [illegible] attended
this meeting and presented a minute expressing
unity with him as a minister and with
his present religious engagement from
[illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends. We feel that
his company and religious services have
been acceptable to us & the clerk is directed
to furnish him with a copy of this minute.
Robert P. Gifford and Thomas J. Battey
are appointed to make the necessary provision
for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting
and report the expense next month.

First Mo. 26th Continued

We have received the accompanying request from Richard M. Atwater and his wife [illegible] Atwater the former a member of this meeting, that their four minor children viz:

Anna Dorothea Atwater 10 mo 7 1877
Maxwell Hunter Atwater 2 mo 11 1879
Elizabeth Arnold Atwater 6 mo 14 1880
Henry Ransom Atwater 5 mo 24, 1883

be received as members of our society.

On due consideration & in concurrence with our womens meeting, we conclude to grant the request and they are hereby received as members of this monthly meeting.

We have received the following request from James Dennis Jr. which is granted in concurrence with women's meeting and he is hereby released from membership with us. & Thomas J. Battey is directed to inform him of our action in his case.

East Providence, 1 mo 24 1887.
To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Providence 1st mo 26th 1887.

Having no unity with some of your views I desire to be released from membership

James Dennis Jr.

Answers.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. Also on first-day mornings by most friends. Some neglect appears as to the attendance of other meetings. With little exception the hour is observed and no unbecoming behavior noticed.

Ans. 2.

Love and unity maintained except in a few instances. Detraction guarded against & care is used to end differences when they appear.

Ans. 10.

Friends are concerned to administer the discipline in christian tenderness timely and impartially.

Thomas J. Battey Clerk.

"The Man Without the Hoe."

The $700.00 Prize Poems—Reprinted, by Permission, from *The Sun*, New York, January 28, 1900.

W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO., Seed Growers, Philadelphia.

About six months ago The Sun published this communication from a distinguished resident of this town who has preferred that his name should be known only to ourselves:

To the Editor of The Sun—*Sir:* Last January the much-lauded poem of Edwin Markham, "The Man with the Hoe," was published in a San Francisco newspaper and the author promptly found himself famous. While I would detract in no degree from the beauty, grace, and strength of his versification, it seems to me that Mr. Markham has twined some very leafy and flowery vines around a vacuum. Either the "Man with the Hoe" is a type of the great mass of those who use farming implements for a living or else he is an exception. If the latter, then the strength of the sentiment uttered lies in the concealment of its weakness, and if the former, then the poem does wrong to a most respectable and able-bodied multitude of citizens, every one of whom ought to resent Mr. Markham's attempt to throw "the emptiness of ages in his face," and certainly deserves better of the poet than to be called a "monstrous thing" and "brother to the ox."

From time immemorial the tiller of the soil has been invested with his full share of the honor of this world, and where any individual example of the class—or, in fact, of any honest and respectable class—has given reason for Mr. Markham's inquiry: "Whose breath blew out the light within this brain?" it can, I think, be safely said that the man's own breath blew it out. There is no occasion for a farmer to have his soul quenched or to become a "dumb terror." He can hold his head as high as any man's, and he generally does; and what calling is more honorable—at least in this country?—to which, by the way, I understand Mr. Markham's observation and study have been confined.

What about the man without the hoe? he who cannot get work, or, having the opportunity to labor, won't do it? There are thousands of young men in this country who have been educated up to the point where the honest and healthful occupation of their fathers in the field has become distasteful to them, and, in many cases, they have grown to be ashamed of it and of their parents. In European countries, particularly, there are multitudes of young men, the younger sons of titled people, for instance, who have been taught that common labor or work in the trades is beneath them, and they sink their individuality, their manhood, and their future in the ranks of the army and in petty Government positions. They must have money, but they must earn it only in a "genteel" way. These are the men without the hoe—the real brothers to the ox. Who shall tell their story? Who shall best sing the bitter song of the incapables who walk the earth, driven hither and thither like beasts by the implacable sentiment of a false social education, suffering the tortures of the damned and bringing distress upon those dependent upon them, because they have lost that true independence of soul that comes to him who dares to labor with his hands, who wields the hoe and is the master of his destiny.

The writer would like to see a good poem written on these lines, and the subject is a great one. He therefore offers to give for the best poems written on this general subject $400 as first prize, $200 as second prize, and $100 as third prize; the competition to be decided by a committee of three, one to be the editor of The Sun and the others to be Mr. T. B. Aldrich and Mr. E. C. Stedman, if those gentlemen will be willing to serve on such a committee. All poems to be sent in to the editor of The Sun before October 15 next. Brevity, strength of sentiment, and expression and literary grace and beauty to be the factors of merit.

Responsibility.

New York, July 26.

The poem which had suggested to the mind of "Responsibility" the ideas set forth in his letter (published on next page) and stimulated him to make the somewhat unusual offer of $700 in money prizes for corrective versification is here printed.

THE AWARD OF THE COMMITTEE.

To "Responsibility"—*Dear Sir:* The number of manuscripts submitted in competition for the prizes offered by you for the best three poems in answer to Mr. Markham's "The Man with the Hoe" amounted to nearly one thousand, of which only a small percentage has seemed entitled to the careful consideration given to them all. The pieces set aside for repeated readings presented features which made decision difficult. Poems manifestly superior in conception and technique strayed widely from the subject prescribed. That the subject was generally misunderstood or understood confusedly, both by the contestants and by the public at large, was owing to the fact that Mr. Markham's "brother to the ox" finds no counterpart in any class of toilers in this country, where he who manfully handles the hoe or grasps the railway brake may himself one day employ an army of workmen or hold the helm of State.

The poems which dealt the closest with Mr. Markham's conception of Millet's painting were, for the most part, lacking in poetic quality. Among the thousand manuscripts examined we have found no single poem entirely fulfilling both the polemic and the literary requirements in the case. It was, however, our duty to award prizes to the three poems, which, in our judgment, came nearest to accomplishing this, and we have selected the following pieces, naming them in the order of their estimated distinction:

"The Man with the Hoe (A Reply to Edwin Markham)." By John Vance Cheney. First prize.
"The Incapable." By Hamilton Schuyler. Second prize.
"A Song (In answer to 'The Man with the Hoe')." By Kate Masterson. Third prize.

In accepting the task with which you honored us we were mindful of the fact that the spur to great poetry has never been a spur of gold. Furthermore, the contesting poet was handicapped by a theme that had lost its novelty; his poem at best could be only the reverse of Mr. Markham's medal—a suggested, and therefore unoriginal, design. It remains to be said that the average merit of the productions submitted to us, written in many instances, as was evident, by unpractised pens, went beyond our expectations.

Regretting that our fortune in the matter has not been wholly commensurate to your public spirit, we are, dear Sir,

Very respectfully yours,
T. B. Aldrich,
E. C. Stedman.

January 22, 1900.

THE MAN WITH THE HOE.

(Written after Seeing Millet's World-famous Painting.)

By EDWIN MARKHAM.

Bowed by the weight of centuries, he leans
Upon his hoe and gazes on the ground,
The emptiness of ages in his face
And on his back the burden of the world.
Who made him dead to rapture and despair—
A thing that grieves not and that never hopes—
Stolid and stunned, a brother to the ox?
Who loosened and let down this brutal jaw?
Whose was the hand that slanted back this brow?
Whose breath blew out the light within this brain?

Is this the thing the Lord God made and gave
To have dominion over sea and land,
To trace the stars and search the heavens for power,
To feel the passion of Eternity?
Is this the Dream He dreamed who shaped the suns
And pillared the blue firmament with light?
Down all the stretch of hell, to its last gulf,
There is no shape more terrible than this—
More tongued with censure of the world's blind greed—
More filled with signs and portents for the soul—
More fraught with menace to the universe.

What gulfs between him and the seraphim!
Slave of the wheel of labor, what to him
Are Plato and the swing of Pleiades?
What the long reaches of the peaks of song,
The rift of dawn, the reddening of the rose?
Through this dread shape the suffering ages look.
Time's tragedy is in that aching stoop.
Through this dread shape humanity, betrayed,
Plundered, profaned and disinherited,
Cries protest to the Judges of the World,
A protest that is also prophecy.

O masters, lords and rulers in all lands,
Is this the handiwork you give to God—
This monstrous thing, distorted and soul-quenched?
How will you ever straighten up this shape—
Give back the upward looking and the light,
Rebuild in it the music and the dream,
Touch it again with immortality,
Make right the immemorial infamies,
Perfidious wrongs, immedicable woes?

O masters, lords and rulers in all lands,
How will the Future reckon with this Man?
How answer his brute question in that hour
When whirlwinds of rebellion shake the world?
How will it be with kingdoms and with kings—
With those who shaped him to the thing he is—
When this dumb Terror shall reply to God,
After the silence of the centuries?

OAKLAND, *Cal.*

THE SUN at once guaranteed the good faith of "Responsibility's" offer, and likewise his ability to redeem his promises. At the request of this gentleman we received, until October 15, manuscripts submitted in competition. About one thousand poems were sent in. They came from nearly every State of the Union, and from several foreign countries. The entire batch of poems was then submitted by "Responsibility" to a committee of award consisting of Mr. Thomas Bailey Aldrich and Mr. Edmund Clarence Stedman.

The Three Prize Poems.

THE MAN WITH THE HOE.

(A Reply to Edwin Markham.)

> "Let us a little permit Nature to take her own way; she better understands her own affairs than we."—*Montaigne.*

Nature reads not our labels, "great and small;"
Accepts she one and all

Who, striving, win and hold the vacant place;
All are of royal race.

Him, there, rough-cast, with rigid arm and limb,
The Mother moulded him,

Of his rude realm ruler and demigod,
Lord of the rock and clod.

With Nature is no "better" and no "worse,"
On this bared head no curse.

Humbled it is and bowed; so is he crowned
Whose kingdom is the ground.

Diverse the burdens on the one stern road
Where bears each back its load;

Varied the toil, but neither high nor low,
With pen or sword or hoe,

He that has put out strength, lo, he is strong;
Of him with spade or song

Nature but questions,—"This one, shall he stay?"
She answers "Yea" or "Nay."

"Well, ill, he digs, he sings;" and he bides on,
Or shudders, and is gone.

Strength shall he have, the toiler, strength and grace,
So fitted to his place

As he leaned, there, an oak where sea winds blow,
Our brother with the hoe.

No blot, no monster, no unsightly thing,
The soil's long-lineaged king;

His changeless realm, he knows it and commands;
Erect enough he stands,

Tall as his toil. Nor does he bow unblest;
Labor he has, and rest.

Need was, need is, and need will ever be
For him and such as he;

Cast for the gap, with gnarled arm and limb,
The Mother moulded him.

Long wrought, and moulded him with mother's care,
Before she set him there.

And aye she gives him, mindful of her own,
Peace of the plant, the stone;

Yea, since above his work he may not rise,
She makes the field his skies;

See! she that bore him, and metes out the lot,
He serves her. Vex him not

To scorn the rock whence he was hewn, the pit
And what was digged from it;

Lest he no more in native virtue stand,
The earth-sword in his hand,

But follow sorry phantoms to and fro,
And let a kingdom go.

John Vance Cheney,

Chicago.

THE INCAPABLE.

The pathos of the world is in his eyes,
  Within his brain abortive schemings roll,
His nerveless hand in impotency lies
  With palm held open for the pauper's dole.

The burden of all ineffectual things
  Is in his gait, his countenance, his mien;
While round his harassed brow forever clings
  The mocking ghost of what he might have been.

Here, where men toil and eat the fruit of toil,
  He idly stands apart the whole day through;
Here, in a land of ceaseless work and moil,
  His hand and brain can find him naught to do.

No sweat of manly effort damps his brow;
  In workshop, field or mart he hath no place.
To earn his daily bread he knows not how,
  Or scornful, counts the offered means—disgrace.

Too proud to dig, yet not too proud to eat
  The bread of strangers to his face and name;
Homeless, he wanders with uncertain feet,
  Of thrift the scorn, of fate the idle game.

What though he wear the hall-mark of the schools,
  A weakling in the world, he stands confessed;
For lack of will to use the humbler tools,
  He walks the earth a byword and a jest.

The precious promise of his youthful years,
  All unfulfilled, upon his manhood waits.
He wakens to his shame with bitter tears
  And knows himself to be the thing he hates.

Incapable! his destiny we spell
  In logic of inexorable fact;
At naught may his untutored hand excel;
  The curse of Reuben blasts his every act.

The ploughman whistles blithely as he goes
  And turns upon the world no coward face,
In joy he reaps that which in hope he sows,
  Nor bows his head to aught but Heaven's grace.

The craftsman, too, rejoices in the thing
  To fashion which his cunning hand was taught;
Of want he feels nor fears the bitter sting,
  In manhood's strength his destiny is wrought.

But this one,—futile, hopeless, crushed to earth,
  A prey forever to forebodings grim,
Well may he curse the day that gave him birth,
  And summon God and Man to pity him.

Hamilton Schuyler,

Orange, N. J.

A SONG.

(In Answer to "The Man with the Hoe.")

From Giant-forests, hewn,
And golden fields of grain;
From the furrowed hills and the belching mills
With their fuel of hand and brain;
From the mountain's mine-dug depth
To star paths made by men,
Sounds one vast song that rolls along
And circles the world again:

Work—Let the anvils clang!
Work—Let us sew the seam!
Let us bind the girth of the mighty earth
With the glory of our theme!
Sing as the wheels spin round,
Laugh at the red sparks' flight,
And life will flash from the sledge's clash
Till all the land is light!

Over the deserts' waste
We measure the miles of chain
Till the Steam King roars from both the shores
And rends the hills in twain.
We search in the ocean's bed,
And bridge where the torrent hurled,
And we stretch a wire like a line of fire
To signal through the world!

You with your tinsel crowns
And Kingdoms of crumbling clay;
You with gold in its yellow mould
Rotting your lives away,
Rest when your task is done,
Sleep when the day goes by,
And the sweat of the hand that ploughs the land
Are gems that you cannot buy!

Work—Let the anvils clang!
Work—Let us sew the seam!
Let us bind the girth of the mighty earth
With the glory of our theme!
Sing, as the wheel spins round,
Laugh at the red sparks' flight,
And life will flash from the sledge's clash
Till all the land is light!

From the wealth of the living age,
From the garden grave of death,
Comes one acclaim like a furnace flame
Fanned to a white-hot breath.
Honor the Man who Toils
And the sound of the anvil's ring;
From a deathless sky a hand on high
Has reached to make a King!

KATE MASTERSON.

THE SEEDS THAT NEVER GROW.

In Congress, recently, Mr. Shattuc, Republican, of Ohio, in connection with the item for distribution of seeds by members, read a poem entitled: "The Seeds That Never Grow," which was hugely enjoyed by his auditors. This poem, which follows, was written by Mr. T. C. Harbaugh, of Casstown, Ohio:

I nearly hate the thought of spring,
With its delightful sun,
For well I know the mail will bring,
A pack from Washington;
A little package, duly franked,
No postage stamps to show,
And it contains those little seeds—
The kind that never grow.

Our good and zealous congressman,
Remindful of our vote,
Upon his memorandum's page
Puts down a little note,
And when the proper time arrives
For us to wield the hoe,
He sendeth us the little seeds—
The ones that never grow.

There's squashes with enticing names,
And cabbage, I wot,
So large that you would think that one
Would shade a garden spot.

So with the pack from Washington
You amble forth to sow,
With many a drop of sweat, the seeds—
That never care to grow

How often have I plied the rake;
How oft I've lounged about,
With eyes alert to catch the first
Signs of the coming sprout;
In vain, in vain; my hopes have fled,
My heart has filled with woe,
About the seeds from Washington—
The seeds that never grow.

But yet each year my hopes revive,
As spring reclothes the tree,
And to my homestead surely comes
The package marked "M. C.;"
And, foolish-like, again I wield
The sprinkler and the hoe,
And, like a ninny, plant the seeds—
That never care to grow.

Millville N.J.
1 Mo 8th 1887

Thos. Harkness

My dear friend

About ten years since - my wife and I united in asking that the names of our five children be recorded as members of our Religious Society, and the Monthly Meeting kindly did so. The object we had in view in taking this step was to make them feel that they had a religious home and fellowship and to give them wherever they might be the care and oversight of Friends. We have been very well satisfied with our course and the children some of whom have arrived at an age to judge for themselves, are very glad to be members of our Society. After a good deal of consideration we are again united in asking the Monthly Meeting, if entirely satisfactory to record our remaining children also as members. Their names and ages are as follows;

Anna Dorothea Atwater	born	6 mo 27. 1877
Maxwell Stanton Atwater	"	12 mo 10 1878
Elizabeth Arnold Atwater	"	6 mo 14 1880
Marjory Garrison Atwater	"	8 mo 24. 1883

The lives of our older children have all been spared and they are nearly all of them in Friends' Schools in or near Philada. I do not entirely lose the hope of returning some day to Providence to take my share of the work and the privileges of our Society. but the way does not yet open. When it does I trust you will find that my regard for the principles of Friends has not ceased. but that time has only deepened the impressions made in my youthful days. and that the faith of my fathers is mine also

Very truly Richard Mead Atwater

Believing that under existing conditions it is very desirable for our children to be in care of the Society of Friends I join sincerely with my husband in his request.

Abby S. Atwater.

Second Month 1887.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd mo. 23, 1887.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Benjamin F. Knowles and Samuel Austin who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee appointed to make provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported the expense ($35.) thirty five Dollars, which is satisfactory, and the treasurer of this Monthly Meeting is directed to pay the same.

Thomas J. Battey reported that he had informed James Dennis Jr. of the action of the meeting in his case.

The clerk also reported that he had informed Richard M. Atwater that his request for the membership of his children had been granted.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Third Month, 1887.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd mo. 30th 1887.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting, the representatives to this are Robert B. Hanson, and Thomas Harkness, one of whom is present.

We appoint Samuel Austin and Robert P. Gifford to prepare a summary of statistics for the year ending 3rd mo. 1st 1887. as required by the Yearly Meeting, and report next month.

The Clerk received the following communication from Edward Barker, and we are united in granting the request therein contained, and he is hereby released from membership with us. Robert P. Gifford is appointed to inform him of our action in his case.

Third Month 1887.

Worcester, Mass, Mar. 9. 1887.

Prov. Mon. Meeting of Friends,

Having removed from your limits and not being desirous of a removal certificate to any other meeting, I respectfully [illegible] in the Society of Friends.

Edward [illegible].

[illegible] from D. B. Holder, was received and on due consideration has been granted, and Robert P. Gifford is appointed to inform him of the same.

New York 3rd mo 17. 1887.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

Having removed from your [illegible] and not desiring a certificate to any other meeting, I [illegible] in the Society of Friends.

D. B. Holder.

We unite with our womens meeting in [illegible] certificate transferring the right of membership [illegible] to Smithfield Monthly Meeting, [illegible].

We have received through the [illegible] the following request for membership from Thomas Y. Jackson whereupon we [illegible] Samuel Austin and Robert P. Gifford to [illegible] with him on the subject and report their judgment in the case to our next meeting.

Lime Rock March 29. 1887.

[illegible] Meeting, Society of Friends. Providence

[illegible] to unite with [illegible] worthy.

Thomas Y. Jackson.

On behalf of the overseers { Daniel Meader
Robert P. Gifford.

[illegible] Augustus Jones and Robert P. Gifford [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

in our meeting on Ministry and Oversight [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Fourth Month, 1887.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo. 27, 1887.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are [illegible] and Robert P. Gifford, who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting and a summary of answers prepared which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Samuel Austin, Augustine Jones and James Dennis, whom we have appointed our representatives. They are desired to meet with the representatives of the other Monthly Meetings at the meeting house in East Greenwich at 7 o'clock on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting.

The committee on statistics have presented the following report, a summary of which will be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
The Committee appointed on statistics
Report as follows

The no. of members of Prov. Mo. Mtg. last year		[illegible]
Addition by birth James Henry [illegible]		1
" " removal, [illegible] H. [illegible]		1
" " request [illegible]		[illegible]
		132
From which No. deduct as follows		
Deceased Wm. G. Coffin, Lydia B. Metcalf, Avis Sisson	[illegible]	
Removal out Hellen H. White	1	
Released on request James Dennis Jr.	1	5
		127

According to the direction of our last Yearly Meeting we send the following items of information viz.

No of our Members from 4 to 21 yrs of age	21
" " " " 12 " 21 " " "	12
" " " " attending school	19
" " " " " taught or controlled by Fds	12

Samuel Austin
Robert P. Gifford

Prov. 25th 4th mo 1887.

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[illegible] report that he has informed Edward [illegible] and D. D. Holder of our action in their cases.

The committee on revision of the membership of our meeting on ministry and oversight, made the following report which is acceptable, and the friends therein named are accordingly appointed for two years subject to the approval of the Quarterly Meeting. — See margin

The committee on the request of Emma Jackson not being ready to report were continued another month.

The committee on missionary collections report $150: One hundred & fifty Dollars collected for the Syrian Mission & forwarded to Timothy B. Hussey and twelve dollars for the West Indian which we direct forwarded to Anthony M. Kimber.

Our treasurer reports that he has paid the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. First day morning meeting generally attended by most friends. At all other meetings the attendance is small. With little exception the hour is observed, and unbecoming behavior avoided.

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity are maintained with little exception, and detraction guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

Ans. 3rd

Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] endeavor to train the children in accordance with our Christian profession.

Providence 4th mo. 21st 87

To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed last month in relation to Members for the Meeting on Ministry and oversight propose the following viz

Thomas J. Battey
Robt B. Hanson
Daniel Meader
Ellen K. Buffum
Sarah J. Hanson
Louisa A. Meader

n behalf of } Thomas Haskins
the Committee } [illegible]

Fourth Month 1887.

Ans. 4.

A few are not known [illegible] in the practice of reading the Scriptures as queried after. We believe our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained.

Ans 5th

We know of no one using intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Care is taken to avoid amusements inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe true moderation in all things

Ans 6th

The circumstances of the poor and the education of their children are attended to.

Ans 7.

As far as appears friends are clear in our testimony as to military matters and public revenue. One case not clear in regard to oath, but under notice.

Ans. 8.

We believe friends are generally clear in their business matters, as queried after.

Ans 9

Our records are attended to. A few members without certificates which are under notice.

Ans. 10.

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Fifth Month 1887.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 25. 1887:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Robert S. [illegible] and Robert P. Gifford, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee on the request of Thomas S. Jackson presented the following report which is satisfactory to this meeting and

Fifth Month, 1887.

and he is accordingly admitted a member of our religious society, our womens meeting concurring.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
The committee appointed to visit Thomas Y. Jackson, on account of his application for membership with Friends, report.

That they have had a satisfactory interview with him; and they are of the opinion that it will be safe for the Meeting to grant his request.

Samuel Austin
Robert P. Gifford.

Providence
24th 5th mo 1887.

We appoint Daniel Meader to inform Thomas Y. Jackson of our action in his case.

We have also at this time united with our womens meeting in admitting [illegible] J. Le Rose, a member of our religious society.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Sixth Month 1887.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo. 29th 1887.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Thomas Battey and Benjamin F. Knowles, who are present.

Daniel Meader reported that he had informed Thomas Y. Jackson of his admission as a member of our Religious Society.

A [illegible] was received and read at this time [illegible] the [illegible] School Committee for 1887.

Our friend [illegible] E. [illegible] Minister has attended this meeting and presented a certificate of unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement from [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends N.C. endorsed by Deep River Quarterly Meeting held at Springfield Guilford Co. N.C.

REPORT

OF THE

Providence Boarding School Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The School Committee present their Sixty-eighth Annual Report. The School has moved forward in its several departments very quietly and harmoniously, as well as satisfactorily to the Committee.

The sanitary condition of the household has been almost uninterruptedly good. No case of serious illness during the year.

The average number of pupils has been 67 boys and 77 girls as boarders, and 20 as day scholars.

At a meeting of the Committee in the Ninth Month last, the following Minute was entered upon our records: — "We are informed by the Principal that the School has, pending the vacation, been made the recipient of several donations; from our friend and colleague, Hannah J. Bailey, of $500.00 for table linen and china for the dining room; from another friend and colleague, Charles Taber, of two fine steel engravings, and one photograph, with appropriate frames; from a friend of the Institution, C. Alice Jones, $100.00 for rubbers for the dining room chairs, and for wall paper; and from another friend of the Institution, Mary R. Osborne, of $100.00 for carpets and for wall paper. The renewed evidences of interest in the School from our dear friends, as expressed by these kind remembrances are very gratifying; they are accepted by us with great pleasure."

The Reports of our Sub-committees for the more immediate care of the Schools and family for the invervals between our regular meetings, have been very satisfactory, as they have not only set forth the fact of the excellent work that is being done in the class-rooms, but also the far greater work in the increased and increasing interest in matters of higher import manifested by the scholars in their social meetings; of the beneficial effects of this spiritual influence upon the minds and hearts of our pupils, eternity alone can declare the results.

The following-named persons have been connected with the School as officers of government and instruction during the year:—

Augustine Jones, A.M., LL.B., Principal and Political Science.
Charles H. Beiter, Governor and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess and English Studies.
Bessie T. Wing, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Science.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Benjamin W. Wells, Ph.D., Modern Languages.
Albert A. Stanley, Instrumental Music.
William C. Ladd, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Walter S. Meader, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
George A. Barton, A.M., Greek, Latin and Philosophy.
Clara A. Winslow, English Studies.
Mary P. Helme, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
*Alice M. Jones, English Studies.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Laura F. Weeks, Calisthenics.
Edward F. Robinson, A.B., Mathematics, and in charge of school-rooms.
Lucy J. Hawkes, Primary Room.

George A. Barton, A.M., Secretary and Book-keeper.
Annie E. Ewer, Librarian.

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*Deceased.

The following Report of the Auditors, made to the Committee at their meeting in the Fourth Month, gives the condition of the Treasury at the close of the year on the 1st of Seventh Month, 1886:—

Providence, Fourth Month 5th, 1887.

To the N. E. Y. M. Boarding School Committee:

The Auditors report the following as the result of the financial operations of the School for the year ending Seventh Month 1st, 1886.

RECEIPTS.

From Elizabeth Fry Fund for Board and Tuition . .	$1,500 00	
From P. J. Tripp Fund for Board and Tuition . . .	103 34	
From all other sources for Board and Tuition . . .	33,581 27	
From Study of Languages, Music and other extras .	3,421 72	
From General Fund	5,821 91	
From Profit and Loss for old accounts collected . .	158 01	
		$44,586 25

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries	$17,963 41	
Wages	6,236 50	
Provisions	9,847 15	
Repairs and renewals	3,748 91	
Water	420 28	
Fuel	1,602 62	
Light	948 02	
Papers and periodicals	119 20	
Incidentals	340 21	
Advertising	622 28	
City Tax for 1885	2,885 50	
Improvements	615 45	
Library	278 55	
Profit and Loss, to suspended accounts during the previous year	532 18	
	$46,160 26	
Leaving a balance to charge Profit and Loss on the year's work	1,574 01	$44,586 25

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
J. O. INMAN,
J. H. CHACE,
ROB'T P. GIFFORD,
Auditors.

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School for the coming year be the same as for the last three years, viz. .—

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$150 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting	250 00
For others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, $10.00; for one year's instruction in Pencil Drawing, $15.00; for one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing, and Painting, $30.00.

Alice M. Jones, who graduated from the School in 1881, and who had been a teacher for two years and two months, on account of failing health retired from the School in Twelfth Month, 1886; on the 11th of Third Month last she departed to her eternal rest, at the age of about 26 years. Her character was strong and genuine, and although life was brief, she has left an indelible impress on the Institution. Her conscientious, inflexible obedience to duty, her critical and thorough teaching, penetrated with great educational energy the lives and characters of her pupils, and profoundly inspired her associates. Her beautiful Christian life, so earnest and true, "allured to brighter worlds and led the way."

With reverent thankfulness to our gracious Lord for His watchful, parental care over us during the year in preserving in health and in leading so many of our dear young friends to look to Him and Him alone for guidance and protection, and beseeching Him to continue to watch over and keep, as in the hollow of His hand, our beloved Institution, we conclude.

Signed on behalf of and by direction of the Committee,

GEO. HOWLAND, JR, *Clerk.*

BOARDING SCHOOL, PROVIDENCE, Fifth Month 31st, 1887.

NOTE. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 14th, 1887, and ends Second Month 8th, 1888. The Spring Term begins Second Month 8th, 1888, and ends Sixth Month 25th, 1888.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee of the Second of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date, after which, applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, AUGUSTINE JONES, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

THOS. P. NICHOLS, PRINTER, LYNN.

Sixth Month 1887.

His company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is authorized to furnish him with a copy of this minute

Our beloved friend, Sumner Y. [illegible] likewise duly accredited by Durham Monthly Meeting held at Lewiston, Me. was in attendance. His company and services were acceptable to us and the clerk is authorized to furnish him with a returning minute.

We appoint Robert T. [illegible] and Samuel Austin to unite with [illegible] Committee of our women's meeting and prepare a minute of [illegible] to [illegible] Monthly Meeting Me., in favor of J. Oscar [illegible] and one to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in favor of George T. [illegible] and [illegible] to the next Monthly Meeting.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Seventh Month 1887.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7mo 27th 1887:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this meeting [illegible] are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Robert T. [illegible], Thomas J. Battey and [illegible] whom we have appointed our representatives.

Our beloved friend John T. [illegible] attended this meeting and presented a certificate of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement from [illegible] Monthly Meeting Indiana, endorsed by Spiceland Quarterly Meeting Henry Co. Ind. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is authorized to furnish him [illegible]

Seventh Month, 1877

copy of this minute.

The committee on removal certificates [illegible] the following which were [illegible] and [illegible] forwarded, Our women's meeting concurring.

To [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

George T. Cornell and Margaret his wife, having removed to reside within your limits, this is to inform you that since their removal hither they have continued members of Society, and upon inquiry there appears no objection to our sending you this certificate on their behalf.

We commend them to your Christian care and oversight and are your friends

Signed on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held [illegible] 1877.

To St. Albans Monthly Meeting of Friends, [illegible]

Dear Friends,

Isaac Oscar Winslow having removed to your limits, this is to certify on his behalf that he is a member of this Meeting [illegible] settled to satisfaction.

We commend him to your Christian fellowship and remain with love your friends.

We have received our quota of the printed minutes of our late Yearly Meeting

The following communication was received, viz.

Providence July 21st 1877

Having united in membership with the [illegible] Free, and [illegible] Mission and purposing to continue as such, I leave the matter with Providence Monthly Meeting to decide as to my membership in the Religious Society of Friends.

Respectfully

George [illegible] Chace

Seventh Month 1887.

Whereupon it is the judgement of this meeting concurred in by our women's meeting, that as advice has been extended to him in the past, his membership in our society be now terminated and the clerk is authorized to inform him of our action in the case.

Answers to Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. First day morning meetings generally well attended. At all other meetings the attendance is small. With little exception the time is observed and unbecoming behavior avoided.

Ans 2d

Love and unity in good degree maintained and detraction guarded against. No differences to claim our attention at this time.

Ans 3d

We endeavor to administer the discipline with christian tenderness as queried after.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Eigth Month, 1887.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 23, 1887.

By the account from our preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Calvin Knowles and Samuel Austin who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The clerk reported that he had informed George A. Chace of the action of the meeting in his case.

We have received our quota of the London General Epistle for 1887 for distribution. One of these we have read at this time and we trust its timely and weighty teachings may prove a real help in our spiritual growth.

[illegible] 1887.

We have received the following communication from our Quarterly Meetings clerk viz.

To Greenwich [illegible] Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Newport 8th mo 4th 1887, directs in accordance with the request of the late Yearly Meeting the several Monthly Meetings to appoint committees to raise "additional funds" to aid "Foreign Mission Work" and work among the Western Indians, and forward the amounts raised therein for those special concerns to Timothy B. Hussey, Treas. for Mission Work and Anthony M. Kimber Treas. for the Indian Committee. And you are also requested to strike from the first Query that portion of said query, in relation to "unbecoming behavior," in the Discipline used by your Meeting as well as those used in your Preparative Meetings, and in addition to your annual Statistical Information you are requested to furnish that Meeting with the following information, in accordance with the directions of the Yearly Meeting in connection with the subject of Education embracing the ages of the children within your limits between the ages of 4 & 21 Years.

First. How many children between the ages of 4 & 21?
Second " " " " " " 12 & 21?
Third " " " are attending School?
Fourth How many children " " "
taught by or under the control of Friends?

And you are also requested to furnish this meeting in the 5th mo. of each ~~every~~ year (together with the required information upon the subjects before named) the time, place and hour of holding your Monthly and Preparative Meetings [illegible].

By direction of the aforesaid Meeting.
Samuel R. Buffinton
Clerk.

Whereupon we appoint Daniel Meader and Robert P. Gifford to solicit funds for the two branches of Mission work therein named and forward them as there directed.

Our clerk is directed to see that the other requirements of the above minute are attended to.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Ninth Month 1887.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 mo. 28th 1887.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this, are Samuel Austin and Joseph H. Atwater who are present.

We appoint Thomas [illegible] and Robert P. Gifford to unite with such as the womens meeting may name and present next month the names of friends to serve this meeting as [illegible] of society and overseers of the poor. The same friends are also requested to report the names of friends for care of meeting houses, Graveyards, and [illegible] and reporters of births and deaths to the recorder.

We also appoint Daniel Slade, Albert B. Hanson, and Robert P. Gifford to audit and settle the treasurer's account and report the name of a friend for treasurer, and for clerk, assistant clerk, auditors and recorder.

We appoint Samuel Austin and Thomas J. Battey to prepare a removal certificate to Lynn Monthly Meeting, in favor of [illegible] Potter and family, and [illegible] to the next meeting.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

~~Tenth Month 1887.~~

~~By the account from our Preparative meeting~~
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Tenth Month 1887.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10 mo. 20th 1887:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Joseph H. Atwater and Joseph L. Holmes who are present.

We have received the following report which is acceptable and the friends therein named are appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment.

To the Monthly Meeting.

We have examined the Treasurer's account and the vouchers and report the following balances on hand viz

To [illegible] Account	[illegible]
" [illegible] Fund Account	[illegible]
" Deborah Jenks " "	167.68
" Charitable School Fund "	20.20

and propose the following friends for service as designated the ensuing year viz.

For Treasurer	Thomas Harkness.
" Clerk	Thomas J. Battey
Assistant Clerk	Robert P. Gifford.
Auditors	Calvin Knowles Robert B. Hanson
" Recorder	Samuel Austin.

For the Committee

Prov. 10th mo. 26, 1887. Robert P. Gifford.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number from our Preparative Meeting which were directed forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by Robert P. Gifford, Daniel Meader and Robert B. Hanson whom we have appointed representatives.

The following report was received and the friends therein named appointed to the station designated for one year or until another appointment.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed for the purpose have united in proposing the following named friends

to serve this meeting as overseers of society,
Daniel Meader   Sarah J. Hanson
Robert B. Hanson   Louisa A. Meader.
Benj. F. Knowles
Ellen K. Buffum
and for overseers of the poor,
Robert P. Gifford   Daniel Meader
Elizabeth H. Gifford   Louisa A. Meader
Elizabeth A. Thorne   Celinda Metcalf.
On behalf of the Committee
Thomas [illegible]
Charlotte E. [illegible]

Prov. 11th mo. 26th 1887.

We have likewise received the following which is accepted, & the nominations approved.

To the Monthly Meeting

The committee appointed last month for that purpose ^propose^ the following friends for services as designated, the ensuing year: viz.

Caretakers of Meeting houses, funerals and grounds, At Prov. and Scituate
Thomas [illegible]   [illegible]
Robert B. Hanson   [illegible]
Robert P. Gifford.
At Smithfield and Cumberland,
Daniel Meader
[illegible]
Reporters of births and deaths,
Thomas J. Bailey
Daniel Meader.
On behalf of the Committee,
Robert P. Gifford

Prov. 10th mo. 26 1887.

In Concurrence with our women's meeting we direct the following removal certificate forwarded to Lynn Monthly Meeting thus
To Lynn Monthly Meeting of Friends,
Dear friends,
John Myron Potter having removed to reside within your limits [illegible]

Tenth Month 1887.

Josephine J. Potter and their minor son Myron Prescott Potter,

This, therefore, is to inform you that they are members of this meeting and that upon inquiry nothing obstructs the issuing of a certificate on their account.

We recommend them to your christian care and oversight and are your friends,

Signed on behalf of Prov. Mo. Meeting of Friends, held ~~Prov~~ 10. 26. 87.

We have united with our women friends in granting a minute for service within the limits of New England Yearly Meeting to our dear friend Charlotte D. Holmes.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held. First-day morning meetings, fairly attended by most friends. Some neglect appears in the attendance of other meetings.

Ans 2nd

Love and unity nearly maintained and detraction guarded against. No differences to claim our attention.

Ans. 10th

We endeavor to administer the discipline as required of us.

Thomas J. Bailey
Clerk.

Eleventh Month 1887

By the account from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this meeting are [illegible] and Robert J. Gifford who are present. The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The accompanying minute (see margin) relative to stock from the clerk of our Quarterly Meeting.

To Providence Monthly
Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

At Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting of Friends, held at Fall
River 11 mo 3rd 1887. It was
concluded to raise Nine hundred
(900) dollars for the use of that
Meeting the ensuing year, and
the several Monthly Meetings were
requested to forward there
proportions of that amount
to Samuel R Buffinton our
Treasurer

Sam R Buffinton
Clerk

The quota of Providence Monthly
Meeting is $252.00. 28 per cent

Eleventh Month 1887.

was received by which it appears that our quota is $350. whereupon it is concluded to raise the sum of $1000 one thousand dollars for the use of this and the Qr. meeting and Daniel Meader Thomas Harkness and Robert P. Gifford are appointed to collect the same and pay it to Thomas Harkness, our treasurer.

Information has been received from the [illegible] Mo. Meeting Maine of their acceptance of the removal certificate in favor of [illegible]

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Twelfth Month 1887.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 12 mo. 28, 1887:

By the account from our preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Samuel Austin and Calvin Knowles, who are present.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

First Month 1888

At Providence Monthly meeting of Friends held 1st mo 25 1888.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Benjamin F. Knowles and Samuel Austin, who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting, with answers to the usual number which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Robert P. Gifford, Joseph H. Atwater, Benj. F. Knowles, Daniel Meader and Thomas Harkness whom we appoint our representatives they are requested to meet at the meeting house in Providence at 10 o'clock on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting to confer with the representatives of other monthly meetings in proposing the names of friends for clerks of the Quarterly Meeting.

Robert P. Gifford, [illegible] Gates & Samuel Austin are appointed to make the annual assessment [illegible]

We have accepted the following removal certificate from [illegible] Monthly Meeting for [illegible] the women's meeting concurring. (see next page)

First Month, 1888.

We have united with our womens meeting in releasing from membership Elizabeth C. Gifford.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

(Certificate omitted above)

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends;

[illegible] residing within the limits of your meeting, desires our certificate to unite him thereto. This is to certify [illegible] that he is a member of this meeting, and his outward affairs appear to be settled to satisfaction. as such we recommend him to your Christian care and regard.

Signed by direction of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo 26th 1887.

Joseph E. Macomber } Clerks
Anna G. Macomber }

Isaac B. Macomber,
Correspondent.

Answers to Queries

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held. On First-day mornings they are pretty well attended but other meetings are neglected by many. The hour quite well observed.

Ans. 2nd

We trust that love and unity are maintained amongst us. Detraction is guarded against and no differences appeared.

Ans. 3rd

The [illegible] & administer [illegible] discipline is [illegible].

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Second Month 1888

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd mo 22 1888.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives are Thomas [illegible] and [illegible] Hanson who are present.
The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting [illegible]

2nd Month 1888

The committee appointed last month to provide for the accommodation of the Monthly Meeting reported an expense of twenty six ($26.) dollars, which is satisfactory to this meeting and they are hereby authorized to draw on the treasurer for that amount.

This meeting unites with our womens meeting in releasing from membership Katharine H. Austin and Rachel A. Austin.

We also unite with our women's meeting in granting a request from Albert and Hannah S. Benson to receive into membership their minor children

Henrietta G. Benson, aged 11 yrs. 4 mos., and Mary A. Benson, aged 8 yrs 9 mos.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Third Month 1888.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd mo. 28, 1888.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Robert B Hanson and Benjamin F. Knowles who are present.

Our beloved friend, Charles H. Goddard attended this meeting and presented a minute of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement from Durham Monthly Meeting of Friends Maine. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

We appoint Samuel Austin, Robert P. Gifford and John Meader, a committee to prepare & present at our next Monthly Meeting the usual summary of statistics for the year ending 3rd mo 1888, and embracing the additional information required by the minute of the Quarterly Meeting held at Newport in the 8th mo. last

Third Month 1888.

We unite with our women's meeting in admitting Ellen M. Atwater as a member of our Religious Society.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Fourth Month 1888.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 4th mo. 25, 1888.

By the account from our preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Daniel Meader and Robert P. Gifford who are present.

All the queries have been read in this meeting and a summary of answers prepared, which we direct forwarded for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by Robert P. Gifford, Augustine Jones, James Dennis and Daniel Meader, whom we appoint our representatives. They are requested to meet with the representatives from the other monthly meetings at the meeting house in East Greenwich at 9 o'clock on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting.

The committee to make collections for mission work report one hundred twenty five ($125) dollars collected and forwarded to Timothy B Hussey for Syria and twenty ($20) dollars to Anthony M. Kimber for western Indians.

Our treasurer informs that he has paid to the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our proportion of stock called for in 11th mo. last.

The committee on statistics reported the following, which is acceptable and the clerk is directed to forward a summary thereof to the Quarterly Meeting.

Providence 4th mo 5 88

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

The Committee on Statistics report as follows.

No. members reported last year 227

Since received by request

[illegible] Benson, Emma L[illegible], Lillie and Mary Benson, (minors,) children of Chas. & Hannah Benson } 4

Third Month, 1887

Births	0	
By removals hither Lindley M. Chace	1	
" " correction of Eliz. A. Chace	1	6
		233
Removed; Edward Barker, D. B. Holder Rachel A. Haslam, Catharine Austin and Elizabeth C. Gifford	5	
Disowned; Geo. A. Chace	1	
Removals out J. Oscar Hinsdale [illegible] and Margaret T. Cornell, J. Myron Potter wife and minor child Philip Mann	7	
Deceased Geo. J. Adams, Lydia Metcalf Ruth Sisson, Josephine Holmes, Mary Holmes, Hannah S. Peckham Roger S. Benson, and James H. Seton	8	21
		212.
Less from corrected list		3.
No. of members 3 mo. 1st 1888.		209
No. of members from ages 4 to 21		27
" " " " " 12-21		15
" Children attending School		21
" " " " taught or controlled by friends		1

Thomas J. Potter
Clerk.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1.

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been held. They have been duly attended by friends in the habit of coming to our meetings and near the hour appointed. As to the mass of membership much neglect is apparent particularly on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week.

Ans. 2.

Love and unity maintained; detraction guarded against and when differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans.

Friends who attend our meetings are mostly careful to maintain a religious life and conversation and to set a good example to their children

Fourth Month, 1888.

and others as queried after. Some deficiencies appear with [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible].

As far as we know friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures as requested, encouraging their children and others in the practice of this duty and maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

Ans 5.

We know of no violation of our discipline in the several requirements of this query.

Ans. 6

We know of no part of this query that is violated.

Ans. 7.

We believe friends are careful in the several parts of this query.

Ans 8

We believe friends are correct in their business matters as queried after, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9

Our records are attended to. [illegible] removals without certificates which are under notice.

Ans 10.

We believe the discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially though not always so timely as might be best.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

Fifth Month 1888.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 30. 1888.

By the account from our [illegible] [illegible] it appears that the representatives to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] J. Knowles, were all present. The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

[illegible] [illegible] that a meeting for worship be held under the care of this meeting at the meeting house [illegible] on the first first day in the [illegible] [illegible] women's meeting concurring.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

Sixth Month 1888.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo 27th 1888.

By accounts received from the Preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Calvin Knowles who are present.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] appointed clerk for the day.

Our dear friend John Cary, a minister of the gospel from Indiana attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Buck Creek Mo. Meeting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of Indiana. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Received also and read at this time a copy of the Report of the Boarding School Committee.

Robert P. Gifford
[illegible] [illegible]

Seventh [illegible]

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7mo 25, 1888.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Robert B. Hanson and Daniel Meader who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Benjamin F. Knowles, Robert P. Gifford & Shubael Austin whom we appoint our representatives.

[illegible] Monthly Meeting informs us that they have accepted our certificate of removal in behalf of John Myron Potter and family.

We have received the following request, viz.

To Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends,
Dear Friends

[illegible] respectfully desire your [illegible] consideration of [illegible] [illegible] request that [illegible] [illegible] Penn Dates [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] might have the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] your friend
Providence [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Whereupon we appoint Samuel Austin and Benjamin J. Knowles to have the necessary care in the case and report to our next meeting.

We have received our quota of the Minutes of our late Yearly Meeting.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

All meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held and are attended by Friends at the hour appointed, though to much neglected by many of our members.

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity are in a good degree maintained among us, and detraction guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

Ans. 10th

When the Discipline is administered we believe it is in christian love, and tenderness and impartially, but not so timely as might be best.

T. J. Battey.

Eighth Month 1888

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo 29th 1888

By accounts recd from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the Representatives to this were Robt B. Hanson and Benjamin F. Knowles who are present.

The Clerk being absent Robt P. Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day

Received the following Communication from the Clerk of R. I. Quarterly Meeting — and have appointed Robt P. Gifford and Daniel Meader to solicit funds for the branches of work therein named And report to this Meeting in the 4th mo. next

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends — At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo 2d at Newport the following Minute was received from the Clerk of our late Yearly Meeting — viz

"Our several Monthly Meetings were directed to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the Work of Foreign Mission, Gospel Work, And the Western Indians. And cause the same to be placed in the hands of the Treasurers of those Committees respectively" — with which this Meeting Unites, And requests the several Monthly Meetings within its limits to appoint said Committees for the several Objects named and cause such amounts as may be raised to be paid to the several Treasurers respectively. "And the Contributions in aid of Foreign Missions are desired to be made as early as the First Month next year" — Attention is also called to a change in the Discipline in Connection with the holding of "United Meetings" for which Change we are referred to pages 72 & 73 of the printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting, which Change the Clerk of this Meeting was directed to send down to the several Monthly Meetings for their government and future action in accordance therewith.

From the Minutes of the aforesaid Quarterly Meeting, held as aforesaid

Samuel R. Buffinton
Clerk

The Committee appointed last month on the request of Wm L. Bates report as follows

To the Monthly Meeting

We have had a satisfactory interview with him and his minor son William Penn. We are of the Opinion that it will be well to grant the father's request. For the Committee Saml Austin

which is accepted, And his son abt 7 yrs of age is received a Member of our Religious Society. Womens Meeting Concurring. And Saml Austin is requested to inform Wm L. Bates of our decision. Robt C. Gifford Clerk for the day

Ninth Month 1888.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9mo. 26 1888:

By the account of our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Calvin Knowles and Benjamin F. Knowles who are present. We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Thomas Harkness and Calvin Knowles to unite with such as our womens meeting may name, and present at our next meeting the names of friends to serve this meeting as overseers of society and overseers of the poor.

The same friends are also requested to report the names of friends for caretakers of meeting houses, funerals and burial-grounds and reporters of births and deaths to the recorder.

We also appoint Benjamin F. Knowles and Samuel Austin to audit and settle the treasurers' account, report the name of a friend for treasurer, for clerk and assistant clerk auditors and recorder.

We have received our quota of the London General Epistle for 1888. one of which has been read to our comfort and encouragement. We unite with our women friends in releasing from membership at her request Eleanor Durfee Congdon.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Tenth Month, 1888.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo 24, 1888

By the accounts from our Preparative Meeting ~~held~~ it appears that the representatives to this are Robert B. Hanson and Thomas Harkness, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Robert P. Gifford, Benjamin F. Knowles and Joseph H. Atwater. We have received the following report which i satisfactory, and the friends therein named are appointed to the stations designated for one year or until another appointment. Our womens meeting concur in the appointment of Treasurer and auditors.

Report

The committee appointed to audit the treasurer's account, report balances, and propose names for Treasurer, Clerk, assistant Clerk, Auditors and recorder, report balance in hand.

On Monthly Meeting account.	$282.41
" Burying Ground "	199.98
" Debrah H. Jenks "	158.18
" Charitable School Fund "	24.20

Thomas Harkness Treasurer
Thomas J. Battey Clerk
Robert P. Gifford Assistant "
Robert B. Hanson & Calvin Knowles, Auditors.
Samuel Austin, Recorder.

We have also received the following report which is accepted and the Friends therein named are appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed last month to present names for caretakers of meeting houses, burial grounds and funeral occasions, propose the following;

For Prov. and Scituate,
Thomas Harkness Robert P. Gifford
Robert B. Hanson Samuel Austin
Joseph H. Atwater.
For Smithfield and Cumberland,
Daniel Meader & Joseph L. Holmes.
For Reporters of births and deaths.
Thomas J. Battey, & Daniel Meader.
On behalf of the Committee
Robert P. Gifford.

We have accepted, in concurrence with our womens meeting, the following [illegible] certificate in favor of Thomas Chase and his minor sons, Alfred aged 20, and Ralph S. aged 9.

To Providence Monthly Meeting R. I.
Dear Friends.

Tenth Month 1888.

Thomas Chase and his minor children, Alfred Chase and Ralph S. Chase, having removed their residence within your limits request our certificate to unite them with your meeting. We recommend them as members of our religious Society to your Christian care and regard.

Signed in and on behalf of the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the Western District, held 9 mo. 19, 1888.

Joel Cadbury Clerk

Attest

Geo. Vaux, Correspondent.

Answers to Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, and at the hour appointed. Meetings on First day in the afternoon and in the middle of the week are much neglected by many of our members.

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity are, in a good degree maintained among us, and detraction guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

Ans. 10th

Discipline is administered, we believe, in christian love and tenderness and impartially but not in all cases so timely as might be best.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Eleventh Month 1888.

~~By the account from our Preparative meeting it appears that~~

Eleventh Month 1888.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Frien
held 11th mo. 28, 1888.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Samuel Austin and Elton Knowles who are present.

The joint committee to bring forward the names of friends for overseers presented the following report which is acceptable, in accordance with the advice of former meeting and the persons therein named are appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment.

To the Monthly Meeting.

Dear Friends

The committee under appointment propose the following named friends for Overseers of Society

viz:

Daniel Meader   Robert B. Hanson
Benjamin S. Knowles   Ellen K. Buffum
Sarah Hanson   Louisa A. Meader

Also for Overseers of the Poor

viz

Phebe R. Gifford   Lucinda Metcalf
Louisa A. Meader   Elizabeth A. Gifford
Elizabeth [illegible]   Daniel Meader
Robert P. Gifford

For the Committee

Elizabeth C. Capron
Thomas Harkness

Prov. 11 - 27-88.

The accompanying minute (on money) in regard to stock was received from the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, whereupon we decide to raise the sum of one thousand Dollars two for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting, and appoint Thomas Harkness Robert P. Gifford & Daniel Meader to collect the same and pay to Thomas Harkness, our Treasurer.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one who informed the meeting that way did not open for his attendance.

Thomas J. Kelley,
Clerk.

Twelfth Month, 1888.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 mo 26, 1888.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Daniel Meader and Robert B. Hanson who are present.

Mary H. Morrill attended this meeting and presented a minute of unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement from Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends Maine. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk

First Month 1889.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo 30, 1889.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Robert B. Hanson and Samuel Austin who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas J. Battey, Robert P. Gifford and Daniel Meader whom we appoint our representatives. They are requested to meet with those of the other Monthly Meetings in the meeting house in Providence at 10 o'clock on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting.

Robert B. Hanson Robert P. Gifford and Samuel Austin, are appointed a committee to make the necessary preparations for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting and report the expense next month.

This meeting in concurrence with our womens meeting is united in appointing Augustine Jones, Samuel Austin Robert P. Gifford and Joseph H. Atwater to prepare and present to the School Committee of the city of Providence a brief remonstrance against the the introduction of military drill into our public schools.

Answers to Queries

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held and at the hour appointed. As to the attendance on First day mornings there is some encouragement of late, but at all other meetings a neglect is apparent.

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity are maintained among us and detraction guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans. 10th

The discipline when administered is with christian tenderness & impartiality though not so timely as might be best.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Second Month 1889.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of friends held 2 mo. 27. 1889:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Daniel Meader and Joseph H. Atwater, who are present. The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported an expense of Thirty ($33.80) three dollars and eighty cents, which is satisfactory. and they are hereby authorized to draw on our treasurer for that amount.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Third Month, 1889

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd mo 27 1889:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives are [illegible]; and

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Benjamin F. Knowles who are present.
We appoint Thomas Hutchins, Benjamin F. Knowles and Augustine Jones to unite with a similar Committee from our womens meeting and revise the list of membership of our meeting on Ministry and Counsel and report next month.
We have united with our womens meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting Mass. in favor of Deborah M. Gifford
We appoint Samuel Austin and Robert P. Gifford to prepare a summary of statistics for the year ending 3 mo 1st 1889 and report next month.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Fourth Month 1889.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo. 24, 1889.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Joseph H. Atwater and Calvin Knowles who are present.
The queries have been read in this meeting and answers prepared a summary of which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Samuel Austin, Robert B. Hanson, and Robert P. Gifford whom we appoint our representatives. They are requested to meet with those from other Monthly Meetings at the meeting house in East Greenwich at 9 o'clock on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting.

The committee on Statistics made the following report which is accepted, and the clerk is directed to forward the information to the Quarterly Meeting.

To the Mo. Meeting.
The Committee on Statistics report the following Changes since 1st mo 3rd 1888.

up.

Fourth Month. 1889.

The number of members was then 207

Since received by request

Ellen M. Merritt & Wm Penn [illegible]) 2

By removal certificate Thomas Chase &)

two sons Alfred and Joseph S. Chase) 3

214

From which deduct as follows

Deceased, Sarah H. Reynolds
Elizabeth M. King
Susan Anthony
Jonathan F. Comstock
Susan S. Knowles) 5

Released from membership
at request Eleanor B. Congdon 1 } 6

Present number 208

No. children 4 21 yrs. 25

" " 12 21 " 14

" " attending school 23

" " at School under Friends' care 9

Samuel Austin }
Robert P. Gifford } Com.

Rec. 23rd 4th mo, 1889.

The committee on revision of membership of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight reported the names of Thomas J. Battey, Daniel Meader, John H. Meader, Louisa M. Meader, M. Augusta Battey, Susan Peckham & Mary H. Collins, which are acceptable and these Friends are hereby recognized as members of that meeting, our women's meeting concurring.

The committee on collections for Foreign Missions report for [illegible] [illegible] and for Western Indians [illegible] $21.30 [illegible] which has been forwarded as directed by the Quarterly Meeting's minute.

We have received the following minute from the Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight which we have united with in concurrence with our Women's Meeting, and the friends therein named are hereby acknowledged and recorded as ministers of the gospel in our society.

Fourth Month, 1889.

Providence 4th mo 24th 1889.

To the Monthly Meeting,

At Providence Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 4th mo 18th 1889, the clerk of that meeting was directed to propose to the Monthly Meeting the name of Robert B. Hanson to be recorded a minister of the Gospel; and the clerk was also directed to propose to the Monthly Mtg. the name of Joseph H. [illegible] to be recorded a minister of the Gospel.

Robert P. Gifford,
Clerk.

We have also united with our women's meeting in the acceptance and approval of the following minute from the Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and the friends therein designated are appointed to the station specified.

Providence 4th mo. 24th 1889.

To the Monthly Meeting.

At Providence Preparative Meeting on Ministry and oversight held 4th mo 18th 1889, the clerk of that meeting was directed to propose to the Monthly Meeting the name of Sarah J. Hanson for appointment to the station of Elder. — and the clerk was also directed to propose to the Monthly Meeting the name of Ellen R. Buffum for appointment to the station of Elder.

Robert P. Gifford
Clerk.

Our treasurer informs that he has paid to the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Answers to Queries

First

Are our meetings for religious worship and [illegible] regularly held

Fourth Month 1889. (Answers contin.)

First-day morning meetings are attended by most Friends; those in the afternoon and on week days are much neglected. With little exception the hour is observed.

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity are maintained, detraction is guarded against. No differences are apparent.

Ans 3rd

Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train up those under their care in accordance with our christian profession.

Ans. 4.

Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, encouraging their children and others in the daily practice of this duty. Care is taken to maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

Ans 5th

As far as known, friends do not use intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a christian character and to observe true moderation in all things.

Ans 6th

Care is taken in the several particulars of this query.

Ans 7th

Testimony is faithfully maintained [illegible]

Ans 8th

Clear in the several parts of this query.

Ans 9th

Careful as to records; a few removals without certificates under notice.

Ans 10th

The discipline is administered in christian tenderness timely and impartially though not always as timely as might be best.

[illegible] Betts
Clerk.

Fifth Month 1889.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 5 mo. 29, 1889:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting, it appears that the representatives to this are Dennis Meader and Robert B. Kinson who are present.
The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.
We have united with our womens meeting in accepting a removal certificate from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, in favor of Adelia P. Briggs

In concurrence with our womens meeting we are united in releasing from membership at his request Harold Congdon.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Sixth Month 1889.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6 mo. 26. 1889:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Edward S. Parry and Edwin Knowles who are present.
We have received and read at this time the report of the Boarding School Committee for 1889. (see margin).

The clerk reports that he has informed Harold Congdon of his release from membership

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Seventh ~~Sixth~~ Month 1889

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7 mo. 24th 1889

By account from the Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are John H. Wheeler and Edwin Knowles who are present.

The Clerk being absent. Robert P. Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day

REPORT

OF THE

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., SIXTH MONTH, 1889.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The School Committee, in presenting its Seventieth Annual Report, has the satisfaction of informing the Meeting, that through the entire year the health of the School has been excellent, with few exceptions.

The educational progress has been highly satisfactory.

The religious interest, particularly on the boys' side, has been unusually large and strong; the influence of this element within our borders has a very salutary effect on the discipline of the School.

The average number of scholars has been, boarders, 76 boys and 65 girls, and of day scholars, 8 boys and 11 girls, making an aggregate average of 84 boys and 76 girls.

The Officers of government and instruction the past year have been:

AUGUSTINE JONES, A.M., LL.B., Principal, and Political Science.
THOMAS CHASE, L.T.T.D., LL.D., Greek and Latin — Spring Term.
MARCELLUS OAKEY, Governor, and English Studies.
SUSAN S. MOORE, Governess, and English Studies.
BESSIE T. WING, History and Literature.
THOMAS J. BATTEY, A.B., Natural Science.
MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.
WALTER S. MEADER, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
GEORGE A. BARTON, A.M., Greek and Latin.
CLARA A. WINSLOW, English Studies.
MARY P. HELME, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
ALLEN W. WEEKS, Mechanic Arts.
EDWARD F. ROBINSON, A.M., Latin, and in charge of school-room.
RUFUS M. JONES, A.M., Modern Languages.
LUCY J. HAWKES, Primary Room.
MARY L. FARNUM, M.D., Physiology.
ROBERT BONNER, Instrumental Music.
ELMER ALMY WILCOX, Calisthenics for Boys.
CLARA E. RAWSON, Calisthenics for Girls.

The Auditors' Report for the year ending Seventh Month 1st, 1888, is as follows:

STATEMENT OF SETTLEMENT OF BOARDING SCHOOL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1887-8.

RECEIPTS.

From Elizabeth Fry Fund for Board and Tuition	$1,500 00	
the General Scholarship Fund	5,300 20	
the Charitable Scholarship Fund	2,689 70	
Auxiliary Studies, use of piano, etc.	3,690 33	
all other sources	30.824 98	
		$44,005 21

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries	$13.747 45	
Wages	8,985 21	
Provisions	10,652 57	
Advertising	627 49	
Repairs and renewals	2,974 42	
Water tax	536 38	
Fuel	1,719 02	
Lights	910 86	
Papers and periodicals	57 16	
Incidentals	214 54	
City tax of 1887	2,879 70	
Library	312 44	
Improvements	36 50	
Debts considered bad	341 47	
	$43,995 21	
Leaving a profit on the year's work of	10 00	
		$44,005 21

Total indebtedness last year	$1,719 96
Less profit	10 00
Leaving profit and loss account	$1,709 96

J. H. CHACE,
ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
JAMES O. INMAN,
Auditors.

The most important improvement made at the School for many years, has been the change in the roof of the centre building, and in the roofs of the two original wings.

This extensive work has been under consideration for a long time, and it was believed, could not longer be delayed, without permanent injury to the buildings.

A large number of much needed and highly valuable rooms has been obtained by the alterations, some of which will be particularly useful in sickness. A fine gymnasium for the girls, which was also very much needed, has been secured.

The small and decreasing number of children of Friends in the Yearly Meeting, the vigorous competition resulting from improved schools everywhere, and the establishment of high schools in many of our larger cities, which have a tendency in the minds of parents to keep their children under the home influence, many of whom might under other circumstances send them to this School for education, may account in degree for the apparently small number attending our School for the past few years.

The department of "Carpentry and Wood Carving" which has been carried on for several years, has proved very successful, some of the articles made even by the younger pupils, reflecting credit on both teacher and scholar.

During the past year the attention of the public has been increasingly drawn toward this branch of our work, many persons, some of them ladies from the city of Providence, having joined the classes. Applications for admission to this department are largely beyond our ability to accommodate.

Quite recently we have effected the sale of two more lots of land.

The accompanying Minutes, prepared by direction of the Committee, are referred to the Yearly Meeting for its approval.

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School, per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150.00. Credit to members of New England Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund of $75.00. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by Scholarship from the same Fund of $25.00. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the Committee, from the Scholarship of the Charitable Fund of $75.00.

The rates are payable, one-half at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, of $10.00; for one year's instruction in Pencil Drawing $15.00; for one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing and Painting $30.00.

It is understood that hereafter no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one-half may be made for the balance of the term, or period of absence.

With renewed thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for mercies past and present, and with a heartfelt invocation that He will be pleased to continue over us His loving care and protection, we conclude.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, R.I., Sixth Month 4th, 1889.

NOTE. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 11th, 1889. The Spring Term begins Second Month 5th, 1890, and ends Sixth Month 24th, 1890.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee Seventh Month 30th.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be *sure* to apply at the time above stated, Seventh Month 30th.

Applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

The Queries have all been read with Answers to the usual number to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting at Newport in care of Thomas [illegible] Benjamin F. Knowles and Samuel [illegible] whom we appoint our Representatives.

We unite with the women's Meeting in the appointment of Louisa F. [illegible] to the Station of Elder, her name having been proposed and be minuted to the Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 7 mo 13th 1889

Robt. H. Gifford
Clerk for the day

Answers & Queries

1st — All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held and attended by Friends at the hour appointed; the meetings on First Day Afternoons and in the middle of the week are much neglected by some.

Ans 2nd

Love & Unity are in a good degree maintained among us, and detraction guarded against; no differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans 10th

The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially but not so timely in all cases as might be best.

Eigth Month 1889.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 28th 1889:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Thomas J. Battey and Edward B. Pine who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The following communication from the clerk of R.I. Quarterly Meeting was read and we appoint Robert P. Gifford and Daniel Meader to solicit the funds for the objects therein named, and place them in the hands of the proper treasurers.

Eighth Month 1889.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Newport, 7th mo 1st 1889. That meeting in conformity with the action of the late Yearly Meeting, directs that the several Monthly Meetings appoint committees to assist in raising funds in aid of "Foreign Mission Work" and place such sums as may be raised therein in the hands of the Treasurers of the respective committees of the Yearly Meeting.

By direction of the aforesaid Meeting,

Samuel R. Buffinton
Clerk.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Ninth Month 1889.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 9th mo. 25th 1889.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Thomas Harkness and Benjamin F. Knowles, one of whom is present.

We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Daniel Meader and Joseph H. Atwater to unite with such as our womens meeting may name and present at our next meeting, the names of friends to serve this meeting as overseers of society and overseers of the poor. The same friends are also requested to to report the names of friends for caretakers of meeting houses, funerals and burial grounds and reporters of births and deaths to the Recorder.

We also appoint Robert P. Gifford and Benj. F. Knowles to audit and settle the treasurers account, & to report the name of a friend for treasurer, for clerk, assistant clerk, auditors and recorder.

Our dear friend Eli Sharpless acceptably attended this meeting and presented a minute

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Sixth month 1904 It was concluded to raise for the use of the meeting the present year the sum of Twenty eight hundred dollars ($2800.00)

Our Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer ,John H. Meader 163 Hampden St. Boston Mass. in the usual way viz. ; one half by the first of Eleventh month and the remainder by the first of Fifth month.

The quota of your Quarterly meeting at 21 % is $ 588.00

The attention of Quarterly and Monthly metings is directed to minute no. 68 in reference to making correct statistical reports.

Attention of Monthly Meeting Finance committees is called to minute 40 of printed minutes of the Yearly Meeting for 1904

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On behalf of the meeting

John Ellwood Paige Clerk

Lynn Mass Eighth month 1904

* Also to Minute no.56 in reference to custodians of trust funds furnishing suitable securities.

schools and colleges to connect scholarships directly with funds which produce them, in this manner.

The rates are payable one-half at the commencement of the year and one-half at the opening after recess. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, $10.00; for one year's instruction in pencil drawing, $15.00; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.00.

Again we commend the Institution with all its varied interests to the care of our Heavenly Father and to the kind consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of and by direction of the School Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, R.I., Sixth Month 5th, 1888.

Note. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 12th, 1888. The Spring Term begins Second Month 6th, 1889, and ends Sixth Month 25th, 1889.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the ~~Seventh of Eighth Month~~ x next.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above stated.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

x 31st of 7. mo.

Amount brought forward,	$41,860 62	
City Tax, 1886	2,780 40	
Library	327 31	
Improvements	72 69	
Debts considered bad	485 84	
	$45,526 86	
Leaving profits on year's work	651 94	
		$46,178 80

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
JAMES H. CHACE,
JAMES O. INMAN,
ROB'T P. GIFFORD,
Auditors.

Stephen T. Olney, of Providence, by his last will, left a sum of money to institutions similar to Brown University. The Court limited the bequest to Rhode Island, and decided further that Friends' School at Providence was an Institution similar to the University, and entitled to a share therein of the bequest unless the executors should deem the School too sectarian to receive the money. The executors, after a hearing on the question, decided to award to the School $43,000 of said money, to be paid over to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, upon its receipt and discharge duly authorized and executed.

We have effected the sale of a lot of land of about 13,000 feet.

We have to report the loss by death during the year of two of our members, Charles Taber, who died Eleventh Month 16th, 1887, and Sylvia G. Howland, who died Fourth Month 17th, 1888. Both of these dear friends were much interested in the School, and so long as health permitted were attentive to their duties. Their memory will be cherished by their associates.

The larger price demanded for persons not Friends has been misunderstood by the public to the great injury of the School. This difference is due to aid rendered to Friends' children by two Funds. It is thought that the objection would be fully met by a clearer and more definite statement of the matter without any change whatever in the cost to Friends' children, as follows: The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School per term for all who may be admitted be $150.00. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund of $75.00. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by Scholarship from the same Fund of $25.00. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the Committee, from the Scholarship of the Charitable Fund of $75.00. Thus, Scholarships from both Funds to one person, $150.00.

As these payments are really now made by these special Funds, it will at once remove a doubt, it is hoped, in the minds of those who pay the larger sums, when they see thus definitely the exact source which contributes to the Friend's child, to which they have no right. It is usual in

Augustine Jones, A.M., LL.B., Principal, and Political Science.
Marcellus Oakey, Governor, and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess, and English Studies.
Bessie T. Wing, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Science.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Albert A. Stanley, Instrumental Music.
George A. Barton, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Walter S. Meader, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
Clara A. Winslow, English Studies.
Mary P. Helme, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Edward F. Robinson, A.B., Latin, and in charge of school-room.
Rufus M. Jones, A.M., Modern Languages.
Lucy J. Hawkes, Primary Room.
Edward F. Robinson, A.B., Secretary and Book-keeper.
Annie E. Ewer, Librarian.

The following Statement by the Auditors, gives the condition of the Treasury at the close of the School year, Seventh Month 1st, 1887.

STATEMENT OF SETTLEMENT OF BOARDING SCHOOL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1886–87.

RECEIPTS.

From Elizabeth Fry Fund for Board and Tuition	$1,500 00	
From Philip J. Tripp Fund for Board and Tuition	75 00	
From the General Fund for Board and Tuition	6,565 07	
From all other sources	34,249 41	
From Auxiliary Studies, use of piano, etc.,	3,789 32	
		$46,178 80

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries	$16,306 89
Wages	8,415 27
Provisions	9,922 01
Advertising	489 90
Repairs and renewals	2,961 38
Water	576 81
Fuel	1,507 86
Lights	963 61
Paper and periodicals	110 09
Incidentals	606 80
Amount carried forward,	$41,860 62

REPORT

OF THE

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., SIXTH MONTH, 1888.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

In presenting their Sixty-ninth Annual Report, the School Committee desire to express their gratitude to the All-wise Disposer of events for His superintending care over the Institution, in that we have been favored to pass the entire year without any serious illness, two cases of catarrhal pneumonia and a few slight colds being all the exceptions to continuous good health.

The School has moved on through the year, to quote an expression of the Principal in his communication to us at one of our meetings, "with remarkable ease and effectiveness;" which expression accords with the reports of our Sub-committees which have had the more immediate care of the School and Family in the interims between the regular meetings of the General Committee.

The deep religious interest; which has been of so marked a character for the several past years, has not abated, but has become in itself a large factor in the conduct of School at large. The impressions made upon the minds of our young people, who have been under its influence while at the School, will not be left behind when they go out into the world, but will, as we trust, be kept in grateful remembrance.

The average number of scholars has been 74 boys and 64 girls, boarders, and 12 boys and 11 girls, day scholars; pursuing special courses, 15.

The Officers of government and instruction for the year about to close have been:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 mo 1 1888, that Meeting concluded to raise the sum of Nine hundred and fifty (950) dollars to supply its Treasury and the several Monthly Meetings were thereby directed to forward their respective proportions of said sum to Saml R Buffinton Treas of said Meeting

The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is $266 00 28 percent

Saml R Buffinton Clerk

Ninth Month 1889.

of unity liberating him for gospel service within the limits of our Yearly Meeting from Stewart Monthly Meeting endorsed by Bear Creek Quarterly Meeting Iowa.

We have received our quota of the London General Epistle for 1889, the reading of which is deferred to another time.

Our dear friend Joseph L. Holmes presented at this time acceptable returning minutes furnished his late beloved wife Charlotte L. Holmes in the course of a religious visit with the minute granted her by this meeting, 4th mo 1887, and which was still in her possession at the time of her death. He also stated that she had attended to the service required of her as far as circumstances allowed with peace to her own mind.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Tenth Month, 1889

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo. 30, 1889:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Robert [illegible] Lanson and Benjamin F. Knowles who are present. The Queries have been read in this meeting and a summary of answers prepared to the usual three which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Robert P. Gifford, Augustine Jones and Daniel Meader whom we appoint our representatives.

Our beloved friend John Page acceptably attended this meeting and presented a minute of unity with him as a minister with this present religious engagement from Weare Monthly Meeting of Friends N.H. held 9 mo. 5, 1889.

We have received the following report which is accepted, and the friends therein named are appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment.

over

Tenth Month, 1889.

our women's meeting concurring:

Providence 10th mo 30th 1889.

To the Monthly Meeting.

We propose the following named friends for Overseers of Society viz.

Benjamin F. Knowles, Robert B. Hanson
Daniel Meader John H. Meader
Ellen K. Buffum, Sarah J. Hanson &
Louisa A. Meader.

We are also united in proposing the following named friends for Overseers of the Poor, viz.

Robert P. Gifford Daniel Meader
Luisa A. Meader Elizabeth A. Gifford,
M. Augusta Battey.

On behalf of the Committee
Robert P. Gifford.
Louisa A. Meader.

The following report was also received and accepted, our women's meeting concurring in the appointments requiring joint action. The persons named are hereby appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment.

Prov. 10th mo 30th 1889.

To the Monthly Meeting

We have examined the accounts of our Treasurer and find correct balances in his hands, as follow:

On Expense Acct.	$ 125.12
" Burying Ground "	167.26
" Deborah Jenks Fund	168.48
" School Fund	109.89

We propose Thomas Harkness for Treasurer of the Mo. Meeting the ensuing year.

Thomas J. Battey for Clerk.
Robert P. Gifford Assistant Clerk.
Robert B. Hanson & Robert P. Gifford for Auditors and for Recorder Samuel Austin

For the Committee B. F. Knowles

Tenth Month 1887.

The committee on nominations for caretakers of meeting houses funerals &c. having omitted to report at this time, it is decided to reappoint the same friends as last year, only substituting the name of Henry Metcalf for that of Joseph L. Holmes among the caretakers for Smithfield and Cumberland. as follows—

For Providence and Scituate.
Thomas Harkness Robert P. Gifford.
Robert B. Dawson Samuel Austin,
Joseph H. Atwater.

For Smithfield and Cumberland—
Daniel Meader and Henry Metcalf.

For reporters of births and deaths to the recorder, Thomas J. Battey and Daniel Meader.

We unite with our women's meeting in releasing from membership in our Monthly Meeting, at her request, Mary W. Buffum.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Answers to Queries.

Answer 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline, are regularly held. On First-day morning concerned Friends attend them timely and at the hour appointed. All other meetings are more neglected by some.

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity, we believe are in a good degree maintained among us; detraction is guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans 10th.

The discipline is ~~admin~~istered in Christian tenderness, ~~timely~~ and impartially, but not so timely in all cases as might be best.

Eleventh Month, 1889.

At Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends held 11mo 27th 188

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are John H. Meader and Edward B. Perry, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

We have receiv'd the following communication from the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, viz.

To Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends;

At R. I. Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11th mo. 1889, that meeting concluded to raise the sum of Nine Hundred and $950. Dollars to supply its treasury and the several monthly meetings were thereby directed to forward their respective proportions of said sum to Samuel R. Buffington Treasurer of said meeting. The Quota of Prov. Mo. Meeting is $266., 28%

Samuel R. Buffington, Clerk.

Whereupon it is concluded to raise the sum of One Thousand Dollars for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting and Thomas Harkness, Albert R. Gifford and Daniel Meader are appointed to collect the same and pay it to Thomas Harkness, our treasurer.

It is directed that the London Epistle for 1889, received two months ago, be read at the close of some 1st-day morning meeting at Prov and Smithfield.

Thomas J. Battey.
Clerk.

Twelfth Month, 1889.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo 25, 1889.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are John H. Meader and Albert B. Hussey who are present.

John R. Pennington acceptably attended this meeting and presented a minute of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement from Spiceland Monthly meeting endorsed by Spiceland Quarterly Meeting; Ind.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

First Month 1890.

At Providence Monthly of Friends held 1mo 27. 1890:

By the report from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Charles H. Battey and Daniel Meader, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Joseph H. Atwater, Benjamin F. Knowles Charles H. Battey and Robert P. Gifford. whom we appoint our representatives. They are requested to meet at the meeting house in Providence at 10 o'clock on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting, to confer with the representatives of other Monthly meetings in proposing the names of Friends for Clerks of the Quarterly Meeting.

We appoint Robert P. Gifford and Samuel Austin to make the necessary preparation for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, and report the expense next month.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Answers.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held. Their attendance is too much neglected by many especially on First day afternoons, and at week day meetings.

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity are in a good degree maintained. Detraction guarded against. We know of no differences among us.

Ans 10th

The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially.

T. J. Battey
Clerk.

Second Month 1890.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2mo. 26, 1890:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are John H. Meader and Edward B. Hoag who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended.

The Committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported an expense of Twenty (25.50) five & ½ Dollars which is satisfactory and they are authorized to draw on our treasurer for that amount.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Third Month 1890.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd mo 26, 1890:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are [illegible] P. Seward and Daniel Meader who are present.

We appoint Samuel Austin and Robert P. Gifford to prepare a summary of statistics for the year ending 3rd mo. 1st 1890 and present at our next meeting.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Fourth Month 1890.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo 23, 1890.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Samuel Austin and Benjamin F. Knowles, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and the answers thereto which are forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by Benjamin F. Knowles, Edw. H. Atwater and Robert P. Gifford whom we appoint our representatives. They are requested to meet those of other

Fourth Month 1890.

[illegible] meetings on the [illegible] [illegible] in East Greenwich at nine o'clock on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee on statistics made the following report which is accepted and the information directed sent to the Quarterly Meeting.

Prov. 4th mo 23rd 1890.

To the Monthly Meeting,

The committee on statistics report as follows.

Membership last year 208
Received by certificate
Deborah H. Gifford }
Adella S. Briggs } 2
210
Released,
J. Harold Congdon }
Mary W. Buffum } 2
Deceased
James Dennis
Mary S. Dunnell
Charlotte D. Holmes } 6
Calvin Knowles
Job S. Mann
Azubah Wallace
Correction of List 1 9
Present number 201
No. of children in membership
from 4-21 yrs. old 26
No " 12-21 16
" attending school 14
Friends care 6

Sumner Austin }
[illegible] P. [illegible] } Committee.

The committee on collecting for foreign Missions report for Ramallah One $100 Hundred Dollars. For Western Indians [illegible] [illegible] which has been forwarded as directed by the Yearly Meeting.

Our treasurer informs that he has paid the Quarterly meetings treasurer our proportion of

Fourth Month 1890.

Quarterly Meeting Stock.
We have received during the year, through the regular channels, our quotas of the London General Epistle, the Report of the Board on Indian Committee & the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

We have received the following minute from the Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight which is united with and directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight.

To the Monthly Meeting.
At Pow. Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 4th mo 17th 1890, the clerk was directed to propose to the next Monthly Meeting the name of [illegible] for appointment to the Station of Elder.

Robert P. Gifford,
Clerk.

This meeting requests that the Yearly Meeting be asked to reconsider the apportionment of stock made last year.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Answers to Queries

Ans. 1st
All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended. There is generally a good attendance on First day morning. Other meetings are very small. The hour is nearly observed.

Ans. 2nd
Love and unity are generally maintained. Detraction is guarded against. No differences are apparent.

Ans. 3rd
We trust a care rests with most Friends to live as queried after and that those who have Children or others under their care endeavor by example & precept to train them up in accordance

Fourth Month 1890.

with our Christian profession

Ans 4th We believe friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually and collectively, encourage their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. We know of no violation of our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

Ans. 5th

We know of no friends who use intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We trust friends are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe true moderation in all things.

Ans. 6th

Care is taken in the several particulars of this query.

Ans. 7.

We believe friends are clear in regard to this Query.

Ans 8th

Friends observe the spirit of this Query.

Ans 9th

Clear as to records. Some removals without certificates under notice.

Ans 10th

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness firmly and impartially.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Fifth Month 1890.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo 21, 1890

By the account from our Preparative Meeting, it appears that the representatives to this are Edward B. Perry and Robert B. Hanson, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except our late beloved friend Benjamin S. Knowles whose illness prevented his attendance.

Our beloved friend Wm. S. Richardson acceptably

5th Month 1890

attended this meeting, and presented a certificate of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement from Springfield Monthly Meeting, N.C. endorsed by Deep River Quarterly Meeting. N.C.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Sixth Month 1890

At Providence ~~Preparative~~ Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6mo 25th 1890

By the account from our Preparative Meeting, the Representatives to this are Thos Harkness and Robt B. Hanson who are present.

The Clerk being absent Robt P. Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day.

Our Beloved friend Rufus P. King acceptably attended this Meeting with certificate of unity with him as a minister from Springfield Monthly Meeting endorsed by Deep River Quarterly Meeting North Carolina.

Our beloved friend Louisa Painter Round acceptably attended this Meeting and presented a certificate of unity with her from Newberg Monthly Mtg endorsed by Newberg Quarterly Meeting State of Oregon.

Our beloved friend Mary H. Merrill of North Berwick Monthly Meeting, Maine, acceptably attended this Meeting with certificate of unity with her in her present religious engagement.

We concur with our Women's Meeting in forwarding a removal certificate to Greenwich Monthly Meeting in favor of Lydia E. Drinkwater.

Robt P. Gifford
Clerk for the day

Seventh Month 1890

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7mo 30th 1890

By the account from the Preparative Meeting, the Representatives to this Meeting are Thos H. Munro & Robt B. Hanson who are present.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., SIXTH MONTH, 1890.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Again, and yet again, the Committee, having in charge Providence School, presents to the Yearly Meeting a resumé of its movements for the year now about to close. While there has not been any occurrence or change of special importance to note, yet we are gratified in being able to say, that everything has progressed in a very smooth and agreeable manner, the family has been preserved in a remarkable degree of health, and great harmony and unity have prevailed.

The religious character of the School, which has been so favorably reported for several consecutive years, has continued with increasing interest, and embraces within its refining and elevating influences, a large portion of the students.

The average attendance has been, boarders 132, day students 31, total 163.

The Officers of government and instruction have been:

AUGUSTINE JONES, A.M., LL.B., Principal, and Political Science.
FREDERICK DAGGETT, A.B., Governor, and English Studies.
SUSAN S. MOORE, Governess, and English Studies.
BESSIE T. WING, History and Literature.
THOMAS J. BATTEY, A.M., Natural Science.
MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.
WALTER S. MEADER, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
FREDERICK H. HOWARD, A.M., Greek and Latin.
SYLVESTER PRIMER, Ph. D. Modern Languages.
CLARA A. WINSLOW, English Studies.
MARY P. HELME, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
ALLEN W. WEEKS, Mechanic Arts.
EDWARD F. ROBINSON, A.M., Latin, and in charge of school-room.
LUCY J. HAWKES, Primary Room.
MARY L. FARNUM, M.D., Physiology.
ROBERT BONNER, Instrumental Music.

Clara E. Rawson, Calisthenics for Girls.
Edward F. Robinson, A.M., Secretary and Book-keeper.
Annie E. Ewer, Librarian.

LECTURER.

Thomas J. Battey, Natural Science.

The Auditor's Report for the year ending Seventh Month 1st, 1889, is as follows:

STATEMENT FOR SETTLEMENT OF SCHOOL YEAR 1888–89, ENDING SEVENTH MONTH 1st, 1889.

RECEIPTS.		
From Charitable Scholarship Fund	$2,485 30	
E. Fry Fund	1,500 00	
General Scholarship Fund	7,630 73	
Board and tuition	31,507 25	
Auxiliary studies, use of pianos, etc.	3,654 56	
		$46,777 84
EXPENDITURES.		
For Salaries	$16,000 35	
Wages	9,226 46	
Provisions	9,831 66	
Advertising	830 29	
Repairs and renewals	3,179 35	
Library	258 34	
Water	477 61	
Fuel	1,635 12	
Light	984 77	
Papers and periodicals	42 84	
Incidentals	207 60	
City tax	2,994 25	
Improvements	834 53	
Debts considered bad	271 33	
Profit on the year's work	3 34	
		$46,777 84

J. H. CHACE,
SAM'L R. BUFFINTON,
ROB'T P. GIFFORD,
JAMES O. INMAN, } *Auditors.*

Olney Street, which bounds the School premises on the north having been broadened to 60 feet in width, has made a very decided improvement to that part of our grounds, which, with a great change in the facility for reaching the part of the city in which the School is located, has already stimulated the building of houses in that section, and may result advantageously to the School.

In the Sixth Month, 1888, the Yearly Meeting changed the tenure of the Providence School Funds, from the care, in general, of a single Treasurer, to a Board of Three Trustees; and as the change has not worked well in practice, the School Committee now recommends to the Yearly Meeting to return to the custom pursued for so many years, of appointing a Treasurer, having reference in the selection of such Treasurer, to a person residing conveniently near to the School.

And the Committee further recommends to the Yearly Meeting, to reenact the minute, No. 17, of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of 1882.

We have to report the recent death of one of our number, Benjamin F. Knowles, who died on the 18th of 5th month. By his removal the Committee loses an esteemed and valued member, whose promptness in attendance upon our meetings, and whose interest in the School are alike worthy of commendation and of imitation.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the School per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150.00. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund of $75.00. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25.00. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the Scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75.00.

The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German of $10.00; for one year's instruction in pencil drawing, $15.00; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.00.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except, when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one-half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

With gratitude and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the many mercies and blessings vouchsafed all through the year, we conclude, again commending the School to the kindly care and consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Providence School, R.I., Sixth Month 3d, 1890.

Note. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 10th, 1890. The Spring Term begins Second Month 4th, 1891, and ends Sixth Month 23d, 1891.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, Eighth Month 12th, 1890.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund, should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth Month 12th, 1890.

Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

Seventh Month 1890

The Clerk being Absent. Robt P. Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries have all been read and answers Approved to the 1st 2d & 10th to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting at August, to attend which as our representatives we have appointed Robt P. Gifford Daniel Meader and Thomas Cox.

We have acceptably with us in Gospel Ministry our beloved friend Alvin Fry with a Minute of Unity granted him by Oskaloosa Monthly Meeting Endorsed by Oskaloosa Quarterly Meeting State of Iowa also as Companion, his wife Mary C. Fry.

We unite with our Womens Meeting in liberating our dear friend Adelia C. Mann to attend in Gospel love the next Yearly Meeting of North Carolina and the Clerk is directed to sign a Certificate on her behalf.

Robt P. Gifford
Clerk for the day

Answers

1st All our Meetings for religious Worship and discipline have been regularly held, those on First Day afternoon and in the middle of the week are not so well attended as would be desirable. The hour is nearly observed.

2d Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained. Detraction guarded against. No differences are Apparent

10th Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially.

Eighth Month, 1890.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 27. 1890.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Thos. J. Battey and Joseph H. Atwater, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

We have received the accompanying minute from the Quarterly Meetings clerk (see margin) relative to missionary funds, whereupon we appoint Robert P. Gifford and Daniel Meader to cooperate with a committee of our womens meeting in raising the funds therein specified.

We unite with our womens meeting in receiving into membership Alice M. Meader.

The report of the Boarding School Com. for 1890 was received and read.

Thomas J. Battey.
Clerk.

Ninth Month, 1890.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 mo. 24th 1890.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this, are John H. Meader and Wm L. Bates, one of whom is present.

We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Augustine Jones and John C. Mulder to unite with such as our women's meeting may name and present at our next meeting the names of friends to serve this meeting as officers of society for the ensuing year: viz. Overseers of Society. Overseers of the Poor. Clerks and assistants Treasurer & Auditors Recorder Reporter of Births and Deaths and Caretakers of Meetinghouse

Note — [illegible] the meetin[illegible] the minute shows, it was decided in [illegible] to [illegible] the recommendation [illegible] Com. [illegible] auditing & [illegible] The [illegible] auditors [illegible] custom.

To Providence Monthly Meeting
of Friends
Dear Friends

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Newport 8mo 7/90 hat Meeting in accordance with the request of the late Yr Meeting, directed the several Mo Meetings, to appoint Committees as heretofore, to assist in raising additional funds in aid of Foreign Missions. Gospel Work and the Western Indians, and forward such sums as shall be raised for the several concerns, to the Treasurer of each respectively (See Printed Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting Nos 37-47 & 56). And they are also requested to furnish in addition to their Annual Statistical information ~~Account~~ (made up to 3mo 1st each year) the Number of Children between the ages of 12 & 21 years attending schools taught or controlled by friends (See Minute No 15)

over

By direction of the Meeting aforesaid
Sam R. Buffinton
Clerk

Ninth Month, 1890.

Funerals and Burial grounds.

In concurrence with our women's meeting we have accepted the following removal certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting R.I. in favor of Job S. Steere.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

Job S. Steere having removed to reside within your limits, this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting and has settled his temporal affairs to satisfaction as far as appears. We recommend him to your christian care and are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket, 7 mo. 21. 1890.

Geo. F. Varney } Clerks.
Sarah Osborne }

Our beloved friend, [illegible] attended this meeting and presented a certificate of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement, from Smithfield Monthly Meeting R.I.

Our dear friend Rebecca C. [illegible] returned at this time the certificate granted her in 7 mo last, for service in North Carolina. In the accomplishment of this service she has realized anew the force of the text, "Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace." Prov. III, 17.

She has very feelingly set forth the character and claims of the "Blue Ridge Mission" under the care of our friend David Sampson, and commended it to our prayerful interest.

She has presented acceptable returning minutes from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, and from several subordinate meetings which she felt it her duty to attend: all of which is satisfactory to us.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Tenth Month, 1890.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo 27 1890.

In the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Charles H. Battey and Joseph H. Atwater, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Robert B. Hanson, Robert P. Gifford and John H. Meader whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee on nominations made the following report which is satisfactory and the friends therein named are appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment

To the Monthly Meeting:

The committee for nominations appointed last month report the following —:

For Overseers of Society

Robert B. Hanson Ellen K. Buffum
[illegible] Chase Sarah J. Hanson
Daniel Meader Louisa N. Meader
John H. Meader Anna A. Meader

Overseers of the Poor

Robert P. Gifford Louisa N. Meader
Daniel Meader Elizabeth S. Capron
Elizabeth A. Gifford

For Treasurer Thomas Wilkness.

For Clerks { Thomas J. Battey (Men's Meeting)
{ Elizabeth A. Gifford (Women's ")

Assistant Clerk Robert P. Gifford

and in the event of a united meeting for discipline Thomas J. Battey for clerk and Elizabeth A. Gifford for Assistant Clerk of said meeting.

For Auditors Robert P. Gifford and
Robert B. Hanson.

For Recorder, Samuel Austin.

Tenth Month 1890.

For caretakers of Meeting Houses, Burial Grounds and oversight of Funerals;

Providence and Scituate.

Thomas [illegible]
Robert P. Gifford
Robert B. Hanson
Samuel Austin
Joseph K. Meader

Smithfield and Cumberland.

Daniel [illegible] Meader John H. Meader
Henry [illegible].

For Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder

Thomas J. Battey
Daniel Meader.

On behalf of the Committee
Augustine Jones.
Susan Peckham

Prov. 10 mo 27 1890.

A communication from the meeting on Ministry and Oversight recommends that John H. Meader be appointed to the station of Elder. In concurrence with our womens meeting, we unite with the proposal and he is hereby appointed to that station.

Our dear Friend Joseph K. Meader a minister in unity with us expressed in this meeting a concern which has rested on his mind to visit meetings, families and institutions of a charitable and correction in the limits of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, and also to appoint some meetings as way may open for it. The prospect being approved by the meeting he is left at liberty to engage therein as his feelings of duty lead to the work.

The Treasurer presented the following report which is accepted in concurrence.

Providence 10 mo 27 1890.

To the Monthly Meeting

The Treasurers accounts examined [illegible] show correct vouchers and balance as follows

To General Expenses $306.34; To Burial Ground
account, $104.10; To [illegible] Fund $[illegible]
To School Fund $14.83.

For the Auditors, Robert P. Gifford.

Answers to Queries.

Ans 1st

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held and near the hour appointed. Their attendance is neglected by many.

Ans. 2nd

We think love and unity are in a good degree maintained. Detraction guarded against. No differences are apparent.

Ans 10th

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Eleventh Month 1890.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11mo. 26, 1890.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Edward B. Perry and Thomas Chase who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that [illegible] attended.

The following request for membership was received at this time; whereupon we appoint Robert P. Gifford and Joseph H. Atwater to visit him and report their judgment in the case to our next meeting.

Pawtucket 11th mo. 1890

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

Under an humbling sense of the pardoning love and restoring grace of our Heavenly Father, and having experienced [illegible] trust the victory of faith in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and feeling a desire to return to the fold of my childhood, I hereby

To Providence Monthly Meeting
of Friends
Dear Friends
At Rhode
Island Qr Meeting of Friends
held at Fall River 4 mo 6th 1870
that Meeting concluded to raise
$960 for the use of that Meeting
the ensuing year, and the
several Mo Meetings were
requested to pay there quota
of that sum to Robert B Gifford
Treasurer of said Meeting
Saml R Buffinton Clerk

The quota of Providence Mo Meeting
of said amt is $\$268\frac{80}{100}$ or 28 per ct

Eleventh Month 1890

desire to become a member of the Society of Friends

In Christian love
Thomas B. Mitchell

We have united with our women [illegible] in releasing Mary M. Pitcher from membership [illegible] at her request.

We have received [illegible] the above our quota of the [illegible] for distribution. [illegible] that the [illegible] for [illegible] on [illegible]day morning.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Twelfth Month 1890.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 mo. 24, 1890:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the appropriation to the use [illegible] was paid [illegible] the [illegible].

The committee appointed last month to consider the desire of Thomas B. Mitchell for membership, produced the following report [illegible] accepted [illegible] Samuel Meader is appointed to [illegible] his reception into membership.

To the Monthly Meeting [illegible] being [illegible]

[illegible] come, and our interview was satisfactory. We believe him to be sincere in his request [illegible]

[illegible]

Twelfth Month 1890

sum of [illegible] Nine Hundred Do[illegible] use of this and the [illegible] Thomas Harkness, [illegible] Daniel Meader are appointed to raise the same and pay to Thomas Harkness our treasurer.

Our overseers having given this meeting information that Eloise J. Holmes and [illegible] departed from the good order of our society and furthermore that their whereabouts [illegible] names from our list of membership.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

First Month 1891.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo. 28th, 1891.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives [illegible] Thomas [illegible] and Edward [illegible] who are present. The [illegible] meeting with answers to the [illegible] Quarterly Meeting [illegible] representatives.

They are requested to meet at the [illegible] house in Providence at 10 o'clock [illegible]

Answers to Queries.

Ans 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held though not so well attended as [illegible]

Ans 2nd

We think love and unity are in good degree maintained. Detraction [illegible]
No differences are apparent.

Ans. 3

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially.

Thos. J. Batley.
Clerk.

Second Month 1891.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd mo. [illegible]

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this [illegible]

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report [illegible]

The committee appointed to attend to [illegible] reported an expense of ($41.65) forty one & 65/100 dollars, which is satisfactory and they are hereby authorized to draw on our treasurer for that amount.

[illegible]

Mary E. R. Kenyon, both elders in our society.

[illegible]

Second Month.

are members of our religious Society in the station of [illegible], exemplary in their lives and conversation, and [illegible] of our meetings [illegible]. We are informed that their [illegible] to our satisfaction.

We recommend them to your Christian care and are your friends

Signed on behalf and by direction of Greenwich Monthly Mtg. of Friends, held at East Greenwich 2nd mo 2nd, 1891.

[illegible] F. Earle
[illegible] } Clerks.

We have [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
L. and Mary E. R. Kenyon. [illegible]
[illegible]
Friends;
[illegible]

Henry R. and Hallie F. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

This may certify that they are members of our religious Society [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] } Clerk.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Third Month, 1891.

At Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends held 3 mo. [illegible], 1891
By the account from our Preparative Meeting it
appears that the representatives to this are Samuel
Austin and [illegible] who are present.

Our dear friend, Herbert J. Mott attended
this meeting and presented a certificate from [illegible] Mo. Meeting of Friends [illegible]
[illegible] as a minister, and conveying
a concern which he has felt to lay before Friends
in the East the suffering condition of Friends
and others in [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] population. His company and gospel
[illegible] have been acceptable to us, and we
[illegible]
[illegible] to co-operate [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Friends [illegible] condition [illegible].

We have united with our [illegible]
[illegible] removal [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]fford to prepare a summary of
[illegible] to forward to our next Quarterly
Meeting, and [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] meeting, to revise the list of
[illegible] meeting on ministry,
[illegible] report next month.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Fourth Month, 1891.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held
[illegible] 1891.
[illegible] the account from our Preparative Meeting
it appears that the representatives to this are
[illegible] who are
present.

Fourth Month, 1891.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and a summary of answers prepared to send forward to the Quarterly Meeting by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and Daniel [illegible] whom we appoint our representatives. They are requested to meet the representatives of the other Monthly Meetings at the Meeting house in East Greenwich at 9 o'clock on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting

The Committee on statistics reported the following which is satisfactory and a summary thereof is directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting.

Providence 4th Month [illegible]

To the Monthly Meeting.

Report of the Committee on Statistics.

No. of Members reported last year 201

[illegible] 5

[illegible]

[illegible]

elder, who died 5-18-90, aged 77 years, 7 mos 14 days. 2 8

Present Membership 200

Number of children between ages 4 & 21	23
" " " " 12 & 21	17
" " " attending school	23
" " " " taught by Friends	7
" " " " " " " }	[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Charles B. Inman having removed to reside within your limits, requests our Certificate. This may certify on his behalf, that he is a member of Smithfield Monthly-Meeting, and has settled his temporal affairs to satisfaction as far as appears. — We recommend him to your Christian care, and are your friends

Signed by direction of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Woonsocket. 3rd mo. 26th 1891.

Geo. F. Varney }
Sarah Osborne } Clerks.

Isaac Steere - Correspondent.

14 White St.,
Pawtucket, R.I.,
April 2, 1891

Friends Monthly Meeting,
[illegible], R.I.;

For the past four years I have been living in Pawtucket. During this time I have, with my family, attended meeting at Park Place — pastor, Joseph J. [illegible]. As I am likely to continue my residence here it seems to me best that my membership should be where I attend. For this reason I ask to be dismissed from your society. I make this change after much consideration and with the kindest feelings

toward friends. As it is in accordance with your views I would like a letter from you certifying my membership with you and commending me to the fellowship of God's people at Faith Place Cong. Church.

Fraternal,

Your Friend in Christ

Benj. S. Meader

Fourth Mont[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Thomas Chase, and Thomas J. B[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]nce with the womens meeting;

[illegible] Committee appointed to revise the list of members of our meeting on Ministry and Oversight presented [illegible]

Samuel [illegible], [illegible] Augusta [illegible]

A. Meader, Susan Peckham [illegible]

[illegible] upon which were united with con[illegible] the Womens Meeting and they are constituted [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] appointed last month to collect [illegible]

[illegible]

receive[illegible] forwarded to Herbert J. Mott.

[illegible] [illegible]pted in concurrence with our [illegible] a removal Certificate from [illegible] Monthly Meeting in favor of Charles [illegible] (see margin)

[illegible] treasurer of the Quarterly meeting our quota of Quarterly Meeting Stock.

We have received a communication from [illegible] S. Meader, see margin requesting to be released fr[illegible]

[illegible]

and Joseph H. Atwater, a committee to have an [illegible]

[illegible]

the case next month! Omission, see margin.

[illegible]

work report ($2) [illegible] two dollars for Syria and $[illegible]

for [illegible]

[illegible]

Our dear friend [illegible] before this Meeting [illegible] concern [illegible]

[illegible] minute [illegible]

Answers to the Queries for 4th Mo. 1891.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been [illegible] held [illegible] on first day morning [illegible] [illegible] attended. [illegible] day [illegible] fifth day [illegible] [illegible] quented. The hour is generally [illegible]

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity are in a good degree maintained; Detraction is guarded against; no differences are apparent.

Ans 3.

Friends are [illegible] to maintain a [illegible] Those who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] principle.

Ans. 4th

[illegible] Friends are [illegible] [illegible] encourage the [illegible] in their religious duty. We trust that our testimony to [illegible] gospel ministry is maintained.

Ans. 5th

Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a [illegible] [illegible]

Ans. [illegible]

[illegible]

Ans. [illegible]

[illegible] our testimony is maintained against military [illegible]

Ans. 7.

[illegible] Friends are [illegible] maintained in the [illegible]

[illegible] Louis Mo. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Lynn [illegible] Dublin Ireland [illegible] [illegible] request

This may certify that he is a member [illegible] [illegible] & worthy [illegible] [illegible] conference [illegible] [illegible] commend [illegible] care & fellowship

trusting that you will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] friend

[illegible]

Ans. 9th

[illegible]

Ans. 10th

[illegible] in christian tenderness timely and impartially.

[illegible]

Fifth Month, 1891.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. [illegible] 1891.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Robert B. Hanson and Thomas Chase, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they attended.

A communication from the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting reports that the appointment of Thomas Chase and Thomas J. Battey to the station of elder is approved by that meeting. Also the appointments to the meeting on ministry & oversight reported last month.

The following report was received, and accepted, and the same committee requested to inform Benjamin F. Meader of his release and also the pastor of the church referred to in his communication.

Providence 5 mo. 27, 1891.

To the Mo. Meeting,

The committee appointed last month relating to the request of Benj. F. Meader for release from membership have had an interview with him & one of us called upon the pastor alluded to in his communication, with whose [illegible] he expects to unite. We are united in recommending that his request be granted.

Joseph C. Atwater } Committee
Robert F. Gifford

We have united with our womens meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Smithfield Mo. Meeting, in favor of Sarah A. [illegible].

Thos. J. Battey, Clerk

Sixth Month 1891.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6 mo. 24, 1891.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Robert B. Hunser and Joseph H. Atwater, who are present. We have united with our women's meeting in receiving a removal certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting in favor of Nancy H. Welborn.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Seventh Month 1891

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo. 29th 1891.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Thomas J. Battey and Daniel Meader who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Thomas J. Battey, Robert P. Gifford, and Thomas Chase whom we appoint our representatives. We have received at this time our quota of the Minutes of the late Yearly Meeting for distribution.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held. The attendance is much neglected by many. The hour is observed.

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity are in a good degree maintained. Detraction is guarded against. We know of no differences

assisting us.
Ans. 10.
We believe the discipline is administered in christian tenderness, timely and impartially

Eighth Month 1891.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8mo. 26. 1891.

By the account from Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Edward B. Pen and Robert B. Lawson, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one.

We have received the following communication from the clerk of our Quarterly Meeting, viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 7th mo. 6th 1891, directed that the following information be sent down to the several Monthly Meetings, and also request the attention of the same, in accordance with the direction of the late Yearly Meeting & the following) Viz.

The attention of every meeting is called to the new method adopted by the Yearly Meeting for raising money the ensuing year for its different concerns, as set forth in Minute No. 57 of printed minutes of that meeting for this year, commencing with the second paragraph on page 54 of the same. (The envelopes and other printed matter for the accomplishment of the object named above having been furnished your meeting.)

And you are also requested to change or cause to be changed in the [illegible]

Eighth Month, 1891.

Discipline used in years & there in the Preparative Meeting and the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight the word should as found on page 100 of the Discipline (15th line from the top) to may. See printed minutes No 43, page 35.

We are also informed that the Yearly Meeting united with R. I. Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in changing the time of holding that meeting at Providence on the 2nd day from 11 o'clock A.M. to 2 o'clock P.M. See printed Minutes No 42 page 35.

By direction and on behalf of the aforesaid meeting
Samuel R. Buffinton, Clerk.

In accordance with the above we have made the correction in the Book of Discipline, and appoint as a Finance committee for the ensuing year as therein directed Robert P. Gifford, Daniel Meader and Robert B. Hanson. They are hereby directed to unite with such as our Womens Meeting may name, and carry out the requirements as expressed in the printed minutes of our late Yearly Meeting, page 54. Finance Com.

We conclude to raise by apportionment for meeting expenses the ensuing year the sum of ($800) Eight hundred Dollars.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Ninth Month 1891

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 mo. 3rd. 1891.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Robert B. Hanson and Samuel Austin who are present.

Ninth Month 1891

We appoint Daniel Meader, Augustine Jones and Robert B. Hanson to unite with such as our women's meeting may name and bring forward at our next meeting the names of Friends to serve this meeting as officers for the ensuing year, viz: [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] of the [illegible]; Clerk and assistants; Treasurer and Auditors; Recorder; Reporters of Birth and Deaths; and Caretakers of Meeting House, Funerals and Burial Grounds.

We have received at this time the following request viz:

Lowell, Mass. Sept. 17, 1891.
To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends,
Having for a long time been connected with another religious body, I deem it best to ask a release from your Society.
Respectfully
Melvin W. Meader.

After due consideration it is concluded to grant his request, our women's meeting concurring, and the clerk is directed to inform him of our decision.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Tenth Month, 1891.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10 mo. 28, 1891.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Joseph H. [illegible] and Edward B. Perry, who are present.

The queries have been [illegible] with answers to the usual number, a summary of which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Robert [illegible], George [illegible] Meader and Thomas Chase who are appointed our representatives.

The Committee on nomination of officers not being ready to report are continued another month.

Tenth Month 1891.

This Meeting unites with our women's [illegible] a minute of unity with her concern to attend Baltimore Yearly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf such minute as the Women's Meeting shall prepare.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Answers to Queries.

Ans 1st.

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held. Most of [illegible] attend the First day morning meetings [illegible]; the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible].

Ans. 2nd.

Love and unity are in a good degree maintained. Detraction is guarded against so [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Ans. 10th.

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian [illegible] [illegible] and impartiality.

[illegible] Battey
Clerk

Eleventh Month 1891.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11 mo 25. 1891.

By the account from our [illegible] Meeting it appears that the representatives to this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] present. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] session [illegible] [illegible] concern.

To [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of Friends [illegible].

[illegible]

as he desires his right of membership with us transferred to you [illegible].

This is to certify that he is a member of our religious Society, of orderly life and conversation and has settled his outward affairs [illegible] to your Christian care, and remain your friends.

Signed on behalf & by direction of Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 11th mo. 2nd 1891

Chas. W. Earle } Clerks
Juliana Freeborn }

Chas. W. Earle Cor.

The auditors presented the following report which is accepted.

Providence, 11 mo 25, 1891.

To the Monthly Meeting,

We have examined the treasurer's accounts and find them [illegible] balances correct as follows ——

in his hands to credit of

General Expenses	$ 361.14
Burying Ground Fund	143.54
Deborah Jenks Fund	63.36
School Fund	21.33

Auditors { Robert P. Gifford
R. B. Ma[illegible].

The Committee on nominations present the following report which is accepted and the friends therein named are appointed to their respective stations for one year or until a new appointment, our women friends concurring.

To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee for nominations appointed in 9th mo report the following

[illegible] of Society

Thomas Chase	Ellen [illegible] Gifford
[illegible] B. Anson	Sarah [illegible]
Daniel Meader	Louisa A. Meader
John F. Meader	Anna [illegible]

Eleventh Month [illegible]

Overseers of the Poor
Robert P. Gifford   Louisa N. Meader
Daniel Meader   Eliz. C. Capron
Elizabeth A. Gifford

For Clerks
Thomas J. Battey (Mens Meeting)
Elizabeth A. Gifford (Womens)

[illegible] P. Gifford and [illegible] for meeting for discipline Thomas J. Battey for Clerk and Elizabeth A. Gifford for assistant Clerk of said meeting.
For Treasurer Thomas Harkness. For Auditors Robt P. Gifford / Robert B. Hanson}
For Recorder Samuel Austin. For Caretakers of meeting house Burial Grounds, and oversight of Funerals.

Prov. and Scituate
Thomas Harkness
Robert P. Gifford
Robert B. Hanson

Samuel Austin
Joseph H. Atwater

Smithfield & Cumberland
Daniel Meader
John H. Meader
Henry Metcalf

For reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder
Thomas J. Battey and Daniel Meader.
On behalf of the Committee
Robert B. Hanson
A. Augusta Battey.

We have received at this time our quota of the London General Epistle for 1891 for distribution. It is advised that it be read at the close of a First day morning meeting in [illegible] Preparative Meetings.

Our dear friend Lydia M. Chace, duly accredited as a minister from Kansas City [illegible] Missouri acceptably attended [illegible] is desired to sign such returning minute as our [illegible] friends may give her.

Our dear friend Adelia C. Mann returned at this time the certificate granted her in the 4th mo. last liberating her for service in North Carolina and also the one granted in 10th mo. last for attending Baltimore Yearly Meeting with [illegible] minutes [illegible] North Carolina and Baltimore Yearly Meetings, Eastern Quarter, [illegible] New Garden and Southern Quarterly Meetings, Rich Square, Deep Creek, Pine Woods, [illegible] Springfield, Holly Sprin

To
Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11th mo 5th 1892, that Meeting concluded to raise the sum of $600 for its use the ensuing year, and the several Monthly Meetings were requested to forward their proportion of that sum to Robert P. Gifford its Treasurer.

The quota of Providence Mo. Meeting is $168 — 28 per cent. On behalf of said Meeting

Saml R. Buffinton Clerk

Eleventh Mo. 1891

[illegible] Minute [illegible] returned:

In returning her minutes our dear friend stated that she felt a large measure of peace in the completion of her service and [illegible] the sustaining hand of her Divine Master in tried places. She also [illegible] "Blue Ridge Mission" which she visited. All of which is satisfactory to us.

Thomas G. Bat[illegible]
Clerk.

Twelfth Mo. [illegible]

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 mo. 30, 1891.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Edward B. P[illegible] and Robert P. Gifford who are present.

We have accepted at this time in concurrence with our women's meeting, a removal certificate from Winthrop Monthly Meeting [illegible] in favor of John Brodrib [illegible] [illegible] is appointed to inform him of his membership with us.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

John Brodrib, Jr. having removed within your limits, this is to certify that he is a member of this meeting and [illegible] his outward affairs to satisfaction so far as appears. We commend him to your Christian care and remain with love your friends.

Signed by direction of Winthrop Monthly Meeting of Friends, held (as a united meeting) at Manchester Maine 10 mo 30 1891.

[illegible] Clerk

Levi Jones Correspondent

We have received the accompanying communication from the Quarterly meetings clerk on margin whereupon directed our treasurer to pay our quota of Quarterly Meeting Stock; to the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting.

Twelfth Month 1891

Our [illegible] friend Joseph M. Atwater returned [illegible] the minute granted him in [illegible] 6th mo. 1890 for service within the limits of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting and expressed his feelings of satisfaction at the completion of the service that had seemed to be required of him. He also presented [illegible] minute from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. All of which satisfactory to us

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

First Month 1892

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo. 27, 1892:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Robert [illegible] and [illegible] Austin who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Samuel Austin [illegible] [illegible] appointed [illegible] representatives [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Quarterly Meeting.

The following [illegible] overseers respecting Lindley M. Chase having been received, we appoint [illegible] Atwater and Thomas [illegible] [illegible] his case to our next meeting.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of [illegible]

The Overseers of Providence Monthly Meeting report, that Lindley M. Chase has for [illegible] time habitually neglected the [illegible] of our [illegible]

First Month 18[illegible]

other ways conducted himself in a manner inconsistent with our Christian profession [illegible]

Daniel Meader
Providence 1st mo 21st 1892. [illegible] B. Hanson

[illegible] and Samuel Austin to take the needful care for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting and report the expense next month.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

[illegible]

Ans. [illegible]

All our meetings for religious worship [illegible] their attendance has been small owing in part to illness and in part to the [illegible] of some of our members. The hour [illegible]

Ans. [illegible]

Love and unity are we [illegible] to be guarded against. No differences are [illegible]

Ans. 10.

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially.

Thomas J. Battey Cl[illegible]

Second Month 1892.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2 mo 2[illegible] 1892.

By the account from our [illegible] Preparative Meeting it appears that [illegible] Edward [illegible] and Albert B. [illegible] were present.

The representatives [illegible] Monthly Meeting report that they attended.

The Committee [illegible]

[illegible]

Second Month 1872.

[illegible] we appoint Robert P. Gifford to [illegible] for the balance of the current [illegible] which time officers [illegible] elected, [illegible]

We further appoint [illegible] Thomas Chase, and Daniel Meader a committee to receive from the executors of Thomas Hartshorn's estate such funds and securities as may be found belonging to Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends; to transfer these to the new Treasurer and report at a future meeting.

We also direct that our deposit account in the Bank be in the name of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends subject to the draft of our Treasurer for the time being.

Daniel Meader is appointed auditor in place of Robert P. Gifford who now becomes treasurer.

Thomas B. Mitchell reports that he has informed John Brackett of our compliance [illegible].

The committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting report an expense of Thirty three ($33) Dollars, which is satisfactory and they are authorized to draw on the new Treasurer for that sum.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Third Month 1872

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo. 30 1872:

By the account from the Preparative Meeting it appears that [illegible]

The Committee appointed last month to transfer the securities and funds from the executors of the will of Thomas Hartshorn, [illegible] report their attention to the service and [illegible] the receipt of our treasurer, Robert P. Gifford for the same.

The following is a copy of the receipt.

Third Month, 1892.

Received Providence 2 mo 29d 1892 from the [illegible] [illegible] Thomas Chace and [illegible] [illegible] the Committee of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends to transfer the Securities and Funds belonging to the Monthly Meeting from the Estate of Thomas Harkness, to the undersigned;

[illegible] [illegible] on the Manufacturers National Bank for Nine (965.25) Hundred sixty five & 25/100 Dollars signed by the Executors Thomas A., Robert P. and Josephine M. Harkness to cover cash balances as follows

General Expense Account		[illegible]
Burying Ground Fund Account		62.71
Deborah H. Jenks Fund Account	Income	63.36
do " "	Principal	500.
School Fund Acct.		21.33

Burying Ground Fund

Also one certificate # [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] each of American National Bank Stock of Prov. R.I. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Bank [illegible] # [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] National Bank of [illegible] [illegible] # [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Monthly Meeting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 23.[illegible]

Also Insurance Policies [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. also the Treasurers Book of Accounts

Robert P. Gifford,
Treasurer.

Our Treasurer informs that he has paid our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]th mo last.

The committee on Lindley M. Chace's case report that he has failed to respond to their [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] his name from our list of membership, our womens meeting concurring. The Committee is accordingly released and Joseph H. Atwater is appointed to inform him [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] womens meeting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Third Month 1872.

membership with us.

We are united with our commi-
ttee in acceptance of a removal certificate
from New York Monthly Meeting in
favor of Hannah [illegible] Selden.

We appoint Robert P. Gifford and
Samuel Austin to prepare a summary
of Statistics for the year ending 3mo 1st 1872
and present to our next Mo. Meeting.

Thomas J. Battey.

Fourth Month 1872.

At [illegible] Monthly Meeting
[illegible] held [illegible]

The account from our Preparative
Meeting it appears that the represent-
atives to this are Samuel Austin
and Joseph C. Atwater who are
present.

The queries have been read in this
Meeting and answers prepared which
are sent to the Quarterly Meeting
[illegible] Preparative [illegible] and
[illegible] who were appointed
representatives. [illegible] are requested to
[illegible]

[illegible] removal
[illegible] Quarterly Meeting at

[illegible]

[illegible] the information.

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The Committee on Statistics report
as follows:

Number of members
reported last year
Received by certificate
3rd mo 1871 Eliza A Gardner

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] mo. 11 . Henry M. [illegible]
[illegible] 1 Charles Jesson
[illegible] 11 John Dudley Jr.
[illegible] 14 Sarah H. Burgess
[illegible] 4th Hellen R. Benson

[illegible]

[illegible] mo. [illegible] Alvin W. [illegible] }
Leonard 3rd mo. [illegible] Rebecca H. [illegible] }
1st mo [illegible] Laura S. Collins }

[illegible] aged 77 years, 10 mos & 10 days

Number 3 mo 1st, 1892 [illegible]
Number of children between [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] time

Number between ages [illegible] 21 who attend Friends School } 3

Samuel [illegible] }
Robert S. [illegible] } Committee

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] meeting concur [illegible]

[illegible] a meeting [illegible]

[illegible] Secretary [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] refund

[illegible] [illegible] been [illegible] named to attend

[illegible]

The gentlemen [illegible] until [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in
[illegible] [illegible]
The [illegible] Thomas [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Providence [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Thomas [illegible] Talley
Clerk.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible],

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] members [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of the members were not presented
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] present season.
The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] meetings
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to well

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] is [illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] their [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] practice of the [illegible]
and that our testimony
[illegible] ministry is [illegible]
maintained.
[illegible]

Friends are clear [illegible]
of [illegible] liquors as a [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

duly inspected and their necessities
relieved. They are assisted, when
necessary, in obtaining suitable employment
and proper care is taken to educate
their [illegible]

Friends faithfully maintain bear our testimony
against bearing arms and other military
matters, against oaths, and against
defrauding the public revenue.
Ans 8.
We believe that Friends [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] their
[illegible] marriages [illegible] deaths and [illegible]
[illegible] recorded [illegible] Friends [illegible] removed

[illegible] next

[illegible]

[illegible] 10.

or

[illegible] Christian tenderness

[illegible]

Thos. J. Battey, Clerk.

Fifth Month, 1892.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends. held 5th mo. 25th 1892. B

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Wm L. Bates, and John H. Meader, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

Augustine Jones in behalf of the committee to attend the marriage of Adelia C. Mann with Evi Sharpless, reported that they had attended to their duties and that all was conducted in a satisfactory manner.

It is concluded to leave the holding of meetings for worship at Cumberland hereafter as regards the time and number to the care and discretion of the overseers, and the minute of 5th mo 1888 on this subject is hereby rescinded. The holding of meetings at Scituate is also left with the overseers in the same manner our womens meeting concurring with us in both decisions.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk

Sixth Month 1892.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 29th of 6mo. 1892.

By account from the Preparative Meeting it appears that Charles D. Kenyon & Edward B. Fry were named as representatives to this meeting; whose absence on this occasion is presumed to result from their interest in the reunion accidentally prearranged on this day at our Yearly Meeting School.

Samuel Austin is appointed clerk for the day.

Sixth Month 1892.

Our beloved friend John Cary acceptably attended this meeting & presented a certificate of unity with him as a minister of the gospel & with his present religious engagement, from Back Creek Monthly Meeting endorsed by Fairmount Quarterly Meeting Ind., of 3rd mo. 17th 1892.

Lindley M. Cary, as companion of his father, John Cary, is also very acceptable with us.

Saml Austin
Clerk for the day.

Seventh Month 1892

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 27th 7th month 1892.

It appears that the Friends named at the Preparative Meeting to attend this as representatives, are William L. Bates & Thomas Chase, who are present.

In the absence of the clerk, Samuel Austin is appointed clerk for the day.

Our beloved friend Seneca H. Stevens, acceptably attended this meeting & presented a copy of a minute of Farnham Monthly Meeting, Quebec, endorsed by Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting, Vermont, expressive of their unity with him as a minister & with his present religious engagement.

The clerk is requested to furnish him a copy of this minute

The Queries have been read in this meeting & answers adopted to the 1st. 2d & 10th, which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Saml Austin, Charles D. Kenyon & Joseph H. Atwater whom we have appointed Representatives.

Saml Austin, clerk for the day

Answers to the Queries.

1st. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been regularly held, the first day morning meetings are quite well attended; other meetings are small. The hour is nearly observed.

2d. Love & unity are in a good degree maintained. Detraction is guarded against. No differences are apparent.

10th. Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely & impartially

5th mo 1892—

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th mo 24th 1892

By accounts from the Preparative Meeting it appears that Representatives to this are Saml Austin [illegible] for the [illegible] who are present.

The Clerk being absent the Asst Clerk Robt P. Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day.

Two of our Representatives who attended our last Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

We have received the following Communication from the Clerk of our Quarterly Meeting — viz

At R. I. Quarterly Meeting held at Newport 5th mo 4th 1892.

To Providence Mo. Mtg — Dear Friends

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Quarterly Meeting the ensuing year the sum of 430.00 and our several Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to pay to Robt P. Gifford its Treasurer their respective proportions of said sum on or before the 1st of 8th mo next.

The proportion of Providence Monthly Meeting is 28 pr ct or 120.40

You are hereby also informed that this Meeting by direction of the late Yearly Meeting, appointed as Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools within its limits, until 5th mo next 1893 — Mary L. Osborne, residing Fall River Mass, and all Bible Schools within its limits are requested to report regularly once in three months to said Supt, and that Monthly Meetings also be requested to cooperate with the Quarterly Meetings Superintendt of Bible School work.

Your attention is also called to the following changes in our Book of Discipline by direction of the late Yearly Meeting, viz

(see printed slip at page 109 Edition of 1889 also printed slip at page 91 Edition of 1889 also printed slip at page 116 Edition of 1889)

And your attention is again called to the

"one tenth of necessary funds approved by the late Yearly Meeting, see Minute No 52. of the printed Minutes of 1872, and our subordinate Meetings are directed to aid and encourage the plan proposed
By direction of the Conference
Saml R Gifford Clerk

In accordance with which we have received in our books of Discipline sent by the Clerks the amended rule in relation to the raising of funds as provided for by the Yearly Meeting we have appointed as Finance Committee Daniel Meader Robt H Gifford and Robt K Hussey who are to meet the ensuing year with such as the Womens Meeting may appoint for that service.

We conclude that the sum of nine hundred dollars will be necessary to meet our Meeting expenses the ensuing year.

Robt H Gifford Clerk
for the day

Ninth Month 1872.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9mo 26th 1872.

By the account from our preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are [illegible] and John H Meader who are present.

We have received a copy of the report of the Boarding School Committee which has been placed on file.

Having been informed that George N. Simmons, and Daniel E. [illegible] have united themselves with other religious denominations we hereby drop their names from our list of membership, the womens meeting concurring, and Robert K Hanson is appointed to inform them of our action.

The name of Samuel B. Hussey is likewise dropped from our list of members, his address not having been known for many years. The womens meeting concurs with us in the action.

Ninth Month 1892.

We appoint Robert B. Hanson, Daniel Meader and Samuel Austin to unite with such as our womens meeting may name, in bringing forward at our next meeting the names of friends to serve this meeting as officers of Society for the ensuing year.

[illegible]
Clerk.

Tenth Month, 1892.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 10 mo. 26, 1892:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Edward B. Perry and Samuel Austin, one of whom is present.

The Queries have been read without answers as directed in our late Yearly Meeting in the changes of Discipline relating thereto.

We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Augustine Jones, and Robert B. Hanson representatives to the Quarterly Meeting.

We have received the following report from the Auditors which is satisfactory.

Providence, 10 mo. 20. 1892.

To the Monthly Meeting:

We have examined the Treasurer's Accounts and find correct vouchers and balances on deposit as follows; viz.

From envelopes	$4.00
For Meeting Expenses Account	150.65
For Burying Ground Income Acct.	132.71
S. R. Jones's Fund Income acct.	.11
Charitable School Income Acct.	50.64
In Bank Total	338.14

The Securities belonging to the Monthly Meeting are also in safe keeping.

Daniel Meader
Robert B. Hanson } Auditors.

Tenth Month, 1892.

The committee on nominations reported the following named friends for officers for ~~offices~~ of society. The report is acceptable and those named are appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment, our womens meeting concurring.

Overseers of Society

Thomas J. Battey Ellen R. Buffum
Robert B. Hanson Sarah J. Hanson
Daniel Meader Louisa A. Meader
John H. Meader Anna A. Meader.

For Overseers of the Poor.

Robert P. Gifford Louisa A. Meader
Daniel Meader Elizabeth C. Capron
Elizabeth A Gifford

For Clerk of Mens Meeting
Thomas J. Battey
Of Womens Meeting
Elizabeth A Gifford
For asst clerk of Mens Meeting Robert P. Gifford.
and in case of a joint meeting for discipline
Thomas J. Battey for clerk and
Elizabeth A. Gifford for Asst. Clerk.
For Treasurer, Robert P. Gifford
Auditors. Daniel Meader
and Robert B. Hanson
For Recorder, Samuel Austin
For Caretakers of Meeting Houses and
Burial Grounds, and for Oversight of
Funerals in Providence and Scituate.
Samuel Austin Joseph Holtwater
Robert P. Gifford Robert B. Hanson
In Smithfield and Cumberland
Daniel Meader John H. Meader
and Henry Metcalf.
Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder
Thomas J. Battey and
Daniel Meader.

Tenth Month, 1892.

Communications from the overseers relating to Thomas K. Parker, and Orrin Bates are referred to Samuel Austin and Robert P. Gifford to report upon at a future meeting.

In accordance with a recommendation from the overseers, we hereby disown Welcome A. Greene from our Society on account of intemperance, and the clerk is directed to inform him of our action in his case, our womens meeting concurring.

We have received our quota of the London General Epistle for 1892 for distribution and we recommend that it be read at the close of a First-day morning meeting at Providence and Smithfield.

A concern having arisen in this meeting that some memorial of our late dear friend Thomas Chase be put upon our records, we appoint Augustine Jones & Samuel Austin with the clerks' cooperation to prepare such an account of his life and life work as they may deem fitting, and present the same at a future meeting.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Eleventh Month. 1892.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo 23, 1892.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are John H. Meader and Robert B. Hausen who are present

The clerk reports that he has informed Welcome A. Greene of his disownment.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Twelfth Month, 1892

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 mo. 28, 1892.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are John H. Meader and Wm L. Bates, who are present.

The committee in the cases of Thomas K. Parker and Owen L. Bates report attention to the subject and are continued

We appoint Thomas J. Battey, Daniel Meader and Samuel Austin to unite with a similar committee from our womens meeting and revise the list of membership of our meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and report next month.

The following application for membership having been received we appoint Robert S. Hawson Jos. H. Atwater and Daniel Meader to have an interview with the applicant and report their judgment in the case to the monthly meeting

Saylesville, December 21st 1892.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

I, Archibald Gray Renfrew, having received Christ as my Saviour from sin and my Justifier through his free grace, and being convinced of the truth of your principles and testimonies I hereby request you to admit me as a member of your Society, and in so doing you will much oblige your

humble servant,

Archibald Gray Renfrew.

We unite with our womens meeting in releasing Cornelia, D. A. Port (formerly Chase) from membership.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

First Month, 1893.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo. 25, 1893.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Robert B. Hunson and Daniel Meader who are present.

The queries have all been read in this meeting, and we have appointed as our representatives to the Quar. meeting, Augustine Jones, Charles Q. Kenyon, Daniel Meader, & Wm L Bates, they are requested to meet with those from other monthly meetings at the meeting house in Providence at 10 o'clock on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting for the purpose of nominating friends for clerks of the Quar. Meeting.

The committee on revising the list of membership of the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight made the following report which is acceptable, and the friends therein named are hereby appointed in concurrence with our womens meeting as members of that body until another revision.

Providence 12 mo 28th 1892.

To Providence Monthly meeting.

The committee appointed to revise the list of membership of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, recommend the following as associate members of that meeting.

Samuel Austin M. Augusta Battey
Anna A. Meader
Susan Peckham
Elizabeth W. Gifford
S. Caroline Tobey
Elizabeth C. Capron
Asenath Tetlow
Ellen M. Atwater

On behalf of the committee

Thomas J. Battey
Susan Peckham.

First Month. 1893.

The committee on the application for membership from Archibald Gray Renfrew made the following report which is acceptable and in concurrence with our womens meeting he is hereby admitted a member of the Society of Friends and the clerk is directed to inform him of the same.

Providence R.I. 1mo 23. 1893.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Committee appointed to have an interview with Archibald Gray Renfrew would report that they had such an interview and believe he has shown evidence of true conversion, that he is convinced of our principles and testimonies and would recommend granting of his request for membership.

(Signed) Robert B. Hanson
Daniel Meader
Jos. H. Atwater

We unite with our womens meeting in the appointment of Hannah P. Ladd to the station of elder.

We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Wm L. Bates and Robert B. Hanson to make needful provision for the entertainment of friends at the ensuing Quarterly Meeting and report the expense to our next meeting.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Third Month, 1893.

At Providence Preparative Meeting of [illegible]
3rd ~~mo~~ 29th, 1893.

By the account [illegible] Preparative Meeting it appears that [illegible] representatives ~~to this~~ are [illegible] and Wm L. Bates [illegible] present. [illegible] Daniel Easton and Robert P. Gifford [illegible]

Second Month, 1893.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd mo. 22, 1893.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Edward B. Perry and John H. Meader, one of whom is present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee to make provision for the Quarterly Meeting reported an expense of Thirty two ($32.) Dollars which is satisfactory and they are hereby authorized to draw on our treasurer for that amount.

The clerk notifies the meeting that he had received Arnold [illegible] report of his admission to the society.

The overseers having received a communication from Edwin and Elizabeth T. Read, who have resided in California we are united with our women's meeting in releasing them from membership.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Third Month, 1893

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo. 29. 1893.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are John H. Meader and Wm L. Bates who are present.

The [illegible] appointed [illegible] to prepare a [illegible] of statistics for the year ending 3 mo 1st 1893, and [illegible] meeting.

The [illegible] this time, we appoint [illegible] and George W. Congdon, a committee to ascertain [illegible] necessary, obtain estimates of the [illegible] of the same, and report to our next meeting.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

To

Providence (Rhode Island)

MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS.

Dear Friends,

John Palmer

a member of this meeting has removed to

10 Haswell St., Providence, R.I.

in the compass of yours, and upon inquiry made relative to his *conduct, and respecting debts, nothing appears to prevent the issuing of a Certificate on* his *behalf. We therefore recommend* him *to your Christian care,*

and remain, with love,

Your Friends.

Signed in and on behalf of Warwickshire North Monthly Meeting, held at Birmingham, the 11th day *of* 4th *month,* 1893.

Wm. Littleboy *Clerk.*

please acknowledge, to 43 Beaufort Rd
Birmingham

Charles Cleveland
Correspondent

To Providence Monthly Meeting
of Friends

The committee on Statistics report as follows

The number of our members reported last yr, 202
Rec^d^ by certificate Hannah B. [illegible] 1 } 2.
" on request Archibald G. Renfrew 1 } 204

Released Josephine Oarkness }
" George W. Nichols }
" Daniel E. Nichols }
" Saml B. Hafsey } 7.
" Camilla Davenport }
" Edwin Slade }
" Elizabeth L. Slade }

Disowned Lindley M. Chase }
Welcome F. [illegible] jr. } 2.

Removed by certificate, Amelia E. Sharpless, 1.

Deceased Thomas Chase, an elder [illegible] 5th/89
(aged 65 yrs .. mos., .. day) Urania Knowles }
Celinda Metcalf }
Milly Paine } 6. 16
Sarah L. Hood }
Eliza Almy }

Present no. 188

over

Number of Children betn ages 4 & 21 is 21

" " " " " 12 & 21 " 17

Number of Children attending School : 21

" " Schools taught on Contract } . 6
by Friends

Number at Friends Schools from ages 12 & 21 5

David Huston } Committee
Robt P. Gifford }

Fourth Month, 1893.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo. 26, 1893.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Samuel Austin and Edward B. Perry who are present.

The queries have all been read in this meeting and a summary of answers adopted which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Robert P. Gifford Daniel Meader and Charles Sisson whom we have appointed our representatives. They are requested to meet at the meeting house in East Greenwich on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee on Statistics have presented the following report see inserted slip which is accepted and the clerk is directed to forward a copy thereof to the Quarterly Meeting.

The committee on repairs appointed last month have given consideration to the matter and reported a total estimate of something over $1000.

Their report is acceptable and the committee is released. The report is laid over for consideration another month.

We have at this time, in concurrence with our women's meeting, accepted a [illegible] in favor of John Palmer from Warwick [illegible] Monthly Meeting [illegible] England, see margin. [illegible] present residence is at No. 12 Caswell St. Prov., R.I.

We have at this time the following requests for membership whereupon we appoint Daniel Meader, Joseph F. [illegible] and Robert B. [illegible] to unite with a similar committee from our women's meeting and hold interviews with the applicants, and report their judgment of their respective cases to our next meeting. (For applications, see next page.)

Our Treasurer reports that he has paid our quota of Quarterly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

We appoint Daniel Meader Robert P. Gifford and Chas. Sisson to examine the [illegible] [illegible] and report to our next meeting.

Fourth Month, 1893.

Saylesville, 4th mo. 23. 1893.

I, Wm Renfrew and wife Ann [illegible] Renfrew, as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour from sin, and being convinced of the truth of your principles and testimonies we hereby request you to admit us as members of the Society of Friends.

Yours in Jesus.

Wm Renfrew, and wife Ann [illegible] Renfrew

Saylesville, 4th mo. 24 1893.

We believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour from sin, and being convinced of the truth of your principles and testimonies, I, Wm Paton, and wife Mary Renfrew Paton, do hereby request you to admit us as members of the Society of Friends [illegible] [illegible]

Yours in Jesus.

Wm Paton, and
wife, Mary Renfrew Paton.

Lonsdale R.I. 4th mo. 24, 1893.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends,

Dear Friends,

Having received the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and being convinced of the truth of your principles and testimonies, I hereby request to become a member of your Society. [illegible] with Elizabeth [illegible] requests to become a member [illegible] born [illegible] 1887. [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours [illegible]

Lonsdale R.I.

Saylesville 4th mo. 23, 1893.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Having received Christ as my Saviour from sin and being convinced of the Truth of your

We have united with our women's meeting in sending a removal certificate to N.Y. Mo. Mtg in favor of Eliz. Barker Gordon

Fourth Month 1893.

principles and testimonies I hereby request you to [illegible] me as a member of the Society of Friends In [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] truly [illegible] your humble servant

James Ferguson.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline, have been regularly held. Those on first day mornings have been quite generally attended by our members

The afternoon and midweek meetings have been very small. The hour observed

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] detraction [illegible] [illegible]

No differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans. 3rd

There has been an evident purpose among our members to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to influence their children and others under their care, in the [illegible] of our Christian profession

Ans. 4.

So far as we know it has been quite general the practice of our members to read the Holy Scriptures [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and individually as well, and to encourage their children and others in this religious duty.

Our testimony to a free gospel ministry has been maintained

Ans. 5.

No use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage among our members [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Friends have been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] inconsistent with a christian character, and to observe moderation in all things

Ans 6th

The circumstances of the [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] been assisted when necessary in obtaining

[illegible]

in obtaining suitable employment and care has been taken to educate their children.

Ans 7th

As far as we know, our testimony against bearing arms and the military [illegible] services, oaths and to maintain the free gospel ministry has been maintained.

Ans 8.

So far as we know Friends are prudently inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, have been punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9.

Friends are careful to have all their marriages, births, deaths and burials truly recorded, [illegible] all certificates that are under notice.

Ans 10th.

Friends have endeavored to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness firmness and impartiality.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Fifth Month, 1893.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 5th mo 24, 1893.

By the [illegible] from our Preparative Meeting it appears that [illegible] Mabel [illegible] and Clara S. Perry [illegible]

One of the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended.

The clerk reported that he had informed John Palmer of the acceptance of his request for membership.

The [illegible] on applications [illegible] appointed last month presented written reports relating to some applications which are satisfactory

Fifth Month 1893

this meeting and in concurrence with our womens meeting the persons therein named are hereby admitted members of our Religious Society:— to wit. Wm Renfrew and his wife Ann W. Muir Renfrew. [illegible] Coburn [illegible] Elizabeth Coburn [illegible] Peter [illegible] his wife [illegible] Peter, [illegible]

The clerk is directed to inform them of their admission [illegible]

Requests for membership having come to us [illegible] E. [illegible] [illegible] we appoint Joseph [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and report their [illegible] to [illegible] meeting—

The subject of the repairs on the meeting house in Providence is laid over for consideration another month. The committee on [illegible] of the meeting house at Lower Smithfield now Lincoln not [illegible] [illegible] to report [illegible] continued [illegible]

[illegible] Clerk.

Sixth Month 1893.

At Providence Preparative Meeting of Friends held 6th mo 28th 1893.

[illegible] from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives [illegible] Austin and [illegible] [illegible] present.

The clerk reported that he [illegible] informed the Friends admitted to membership last month of the action of the meeting in their respective cases.

The committee on applications for membership appointed last month [illegible] a [illegible] report favoring the granting of their request, [illegible] satisfactory to this meeting, and [illegible] are hereby admitted members of our Religious Society: to wit. William R. [illegible] and his wife

Sixth Month 1893.

Harriet E. Fitts, our womens meeting concurring. The clerk is directed to inform them of our action.

The subject of repairs on the meeting house in Providence is again laid over one month.

The committee appointed in 10th mo. last in the cases of Thomas R. Parker and Orren Bates, report that they have tried to communicate with Orren Bates but fail to get any response from him. They therefore propose that his name be dropped from our list of membership. In concurrence with our womens meeting we endorse the judgment of the committee and his name is hereby directed to be cancelled from the list of members.

Having exercised the necessary care in the case of Thos. R. Parker the committee was released from further service.

Our womens meeting unite with a proposition to meet in 7th month next in joint session.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Seventh Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint Session 7th mo 26th 1893

By account from the Preparative Meeting the Representatives to this are [illegible] Elizabeth H. Gifford, Samuel [illegible] and [illegible] were all present.

The Clerk being absent [illegible] H. Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries have all been read at this time and we have appointed Louisa C. [illegible] Ellen R. Chaffee [illegible] Latham [illegible] and [illegible] Robert [illegible] to attend our next Quarterly Meeting to be held at [illegible]

The Committee appointed in 4th mo. [illegible] in relation to [illegible] Meeting

To Providence Monthly
Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

You are hereby informed that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Newport 8 mo 3rd 1893, concluded to raise for the use of that Meeting the ensuing year the sum of Five hundred and fifty (550) dollars to supply its Treasury, and the several Monthly Meetings were directed to pay to Robert J. Gifford its Treasurer there respective quotas of that amount on or before the 1st of 4th Month 1894

The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting of said amount is $154-028%

You are also hereby informed that at the last Yearly Meeting the following Conclusions were adopted by it and forwarded by minute to this Meeting, directing that the same be forwarded to the subordinate Meetings by First—

That relating to Statistics of Ministers and Elders as found in Minute No 41 of the printed Minutes of that

over

Meeting for 1893. A blank for which
is herewith enclosed, and others will
be furnished if needed

Second—

That relating to "The daily reading of
the Holy Scriptures" as per Minute
No 49;

And Third

That relating to a
plan for "Christian giving" as per
printed Minute No 62. a copy of
which is attached hereto. for your
information

By direction and on
behalf of the aforesaid Quarterly
Meeting held as above

Saml R Jeffriton Clerk

[illegible] Month Continued 1893

House presented a written Report which is accepted and the same Committee was continued and are appointed to carry out their recommendation as far as possible and Report at a future meeting.

Information has been given [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as members of our [illegible] [illegible].

The subject of Repairs on our Providence Meeting House was Considered at this time and we appoint Robt B Hanson. Elizabeth Buffum. Sarah J. Hanson. [illegible] Latham [illegible] Coles and [illegible] Cornell a Committee to collect funds necessary for the work and report next month.

We [illegible] in the provision to [illegible] our next Monthly Meeting in joint session

Robt. K. Gifford
Clerk for the day

Eighth Month 1893

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint Session 8th mo 20th 1893

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Representatives [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Elizabeth [illegible] [illegible] Coles and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The Clerk being absent, Robert K Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day.

The Representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended except one who was prevented on account of illness.

We have with us at this time Our dear friend [illegible] [illegible] with a Minute of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Company and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute.

We have received the following Communication from the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting [illegible] & [illegible] Communications [illegible] our last [illegible] Meeting. x x (see [illegible] [illegible]) x x We [illegible] the appoint Elizabeth C. Cornell. M. [illegible] Bailey [illegible]

(Eighth Mo. Continued)

[illegible] Tobey & [illegible] and Rob^t. H. Gifford [illegible] for the Committee on Finance to examine [illegible] and we propose the sum of 500. [illegible] necessary to be raised to meet our expenses.

The Committee appointed last month to obtain subscriptions for repairs on the meeting house in Providence report that they have obtained the amount of between 900. and 1000. and [illegible] Committee are continued for one month to report next month.

We appoint Sarah J. Hanson, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], George H. Congdon and Rob^t. H. Gifford a Committee to [illegible] the [illegible] affairs and report to a future meeting —

It is Concluded to hold our next Monthly Meeting in joint Session.

Rob^t. H. Gifford
Clerk for the day

Ninth Month, 1893.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint session 9th mo 26 1893.

The representatives to the meeting are Hannah Ladd, S. Caroline Tobey, Wm. L. Bates and Wm. H. Wheeler who are present except one who is unavoidably absent.

The committee to obtain subscriptions for repairs on the meeting house are, at their request continued & desired to report next month.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Tenth Month, 1893.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, convened in joint session 10th mo 25th 1893:

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are M. Augusta Bailey, Mary S. Glass, Daniel Meader and Robert B. Hanson who were present except one.

The queries have all been read in this meeting, and we appoint Robert P. Gifford, Sarah J. Hanson, Ellen K. Bassum & Robert B. Hanson representatives to the Quarterly Meeting. The Committee on subscriptions for repairs on the meeting house in Providence report Eleven hundred & sixty three ($1163) subscribed, of which seven hundred & fifty one ($751) dollars have been placed in the hands of the committee on repairs. This report is satisfactory to the meeting and the committee is released from further service. The Committee on repairs now under appointment for the the meeting house in Providence are authorized to collect the subscriptions still unpaid.

We appoint Elizabeth A. Gifford, [illegible] Meader, Daniel Meader and Augustine Jones to bring forward at our next meeting the names of friends to serve this meeting as officers of Society for the ensuing year.

Our Meeting on Ministry and Oversight informs us through their clerk that they were united in proposing that Susan Peckham be appointed to the station of Elder.

This meeting fully unites with their proposition and she is accordingly appointed to that station subject to the approval of the Quarterly Meeting.

Elizabeth C. Capron, having requested on account of impaired health to be released from serving on the Finance Committee, her desire is herewith granted and the Committee on nominations are authorized to name her successor.

A very appropriate memorial of the life

Tenth Month, 1893.

of our late dear friend Thomas Chase prepared by the committee appointed some time since has been read at this time, and it is directed that it be preserved on our records, and also sent to Friends Review for Publication if way opens.

Adjourned to meet in joint session next month.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

Eleventh Month, 1893.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint session. 11th Mo 29. 1893.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this were Deborah A. Gifford, Mary S. Chase, Wm. L. Bates & Albert B. Hanson, who are present.

Our dear friend Wm. Pinkham attended this meeting and presented a minute of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement from Falmouth Mo. Meeting, Maine.

His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

The auditors presented the following report which is satisfactory.

To the Monthly Meeting:

We have this day examined the treasurer's account and find correct vouchers on hand with balances in Bank as follows.

For meeting expenses	$25.45
" Envelope collections	45.00
" Burying ground acc't	135.37
[illegible] Fund	31.11
" School Fund	57.07
Total on deposit	299.64

in Manufacturers Bank

Daniel Meader }
L. B. Hanson } Auditors

Eleventh Month 1893.

The Committee on nominations made the following report which is accepted and the friends therein named are appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment.

For Overseers of Society.

Robert B. Hanson   Ellen C. Buffum
Thomas J. Battey   Sarah J. Hanson
Daniel Meader   Louisa A. Meader
John H. Meader   Anna A. Meader

For Overseers of the Poor

Robert P. Gifford   Louisa A. Meader
Daniel Meader   Mary F. Glasse
Elizabeth A. Gifford

For Clerks
Thomas J. Battey
Elizabeth A. Gifford.

Treasurer Robert P. Gifford.

Auditors, Daniel Meader
Robert B. Hanson.

Recorder Samuel Austin.

Reporters of Births & Deaths to Recorder
Thomas J. Battey
Daniel Meader.

For Caretakers of Meeting Houses Funerals & Burial Grounds

Providence and Scituate
Samuel Austin   Robert P. Gifford
Joseph H. [illegible]   Robert B. Hanson

At Lower Smithfield and Cumberland.
Daniel Meader   Henry Metcalf.
John H. Meader

For member of Finance Committee in place of Emily C. Capron resigned, Hannah F. Ladd.

It is concluded to hold the next Monthly Meeting in joint session

Thomas J. Battey.
Clerk.

Twelfth Month 1893.

At Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends held 12 mo 27, 1893 in joint session

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Elizabeth C. Buffum, M. Augusta Battey, John A. Meader and Samuel Austin who are present except one.

Richard M. Atwater having requested a removal certificate to Skaneateles Monthly Meeting N.Y., for himself and six minor children, Richard, David, Dorothea, Margaret, Elizabeth and Marjory, we appoint Ellen K. Buffum, Thomas J. Battey and Augustine Jones to make the necessary inquiries in the case, and if nothing appears to obstruct prepare a certificate and present the same to our next meeting.

It is concluded to hold our next meeting in joint session.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

First Month. 1894.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held First Mo. 24, 1894. in joint session

By the account from our Preparative Meeting, it appears that the representatives to this are Anna A. Meader, Hannah P. Ladd, Robert B. Hanson and John H. Meader, who are present.

The queries have all been read in this meeting, and we appoint Hannah P. Ladd, Susan Peckham, Anna A. Meader, Daniel Meader, Robert B. Hanson, Thomas J. Dickson, and John H. Meader representatives to the Quarterly Meeting next to be held in Providence.

They are requested to meet at the meeting house at 10 o'clock on the morning of the Quarterly meeting to nominate Friends to serve as clerks of that meeting.

First Month, 1894.

The committee in the case of Richard M. Atwater and children presented the following certificate of removal which is satisfactory to us and the meeting [illegible] directs the clerk to sign it on our behalf. viz

"To Skaneateles Monthly Meeting of Friends, N. Y.

Dear Friends:—

Richard M. Atwater, having removed to reside within your limits desires our certificate for himself and six minor children; viz. Richard Mead, David Hoag, Anna Dorothea, Maxwell, Hanton, Elizabeth Arnold, and Marjory Garrison.

This may certify that they are members of our Monthly Meeting and that he has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction. We recommend them to your Christian care and oversight, and remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends R. I. held 1st mo. 24th 1894.

We appoint the following friends to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, and report the expense next month; viz. Mary S. Glasse Elizabeth W. Gifford Elizabeth W. Thorne, Robert S. Gifford and Robert B. Hanson.

Thomas J. Battey Clerk.

Second Month, 1894.

At Prov Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd month 21st 1894; met in separate session.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are John H. Meader and Robert S. Gifford who were present.

A communication from our Preparative Meeting requesting that our Monthly Meetings be held in joint session, having been duly considered, it was decided to so hold them for the remainder of the current year, or until decided otherwise. This action having been concurred in by our women Friends

Second Month, 1894.

The meeting opened in joint session for transacting the business of the day.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee appointed to make provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting report an expense of $31. Thirty one Dollars which is satisfactory to the meeting and the committee are hereby authorized to draw on our treasurer for that amount.

The two following communications were received from the overseers through our Preparative Meeting. Viz.

From the Overseers of Providence Monthly Meeting.

We feel it our duty at this time to enter a complaint against a member of our meeting Emma G. Lateze for unbecoming conduct not consistent with the good order of our society.

We have labored with her in Christian love, and are united in now referring the case to the Monthly Meeting.

Ellen R. Buffum
Sarah J. Hanson
Anna A. Meader,

Providence 2nd mo. 4 1894.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

Dear Friends.

Certain things in the conduct of Wm L. Battes, and reports circulated prejudicial to his character have rendered labor in his case necessary on the part of the overseers.

Having bestowed much time and care upon the matter we now feel it best to bring the case to the Monthly Meeting for its consideration and we now

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On behalf of the overseers { John H. Meader
Robert B. Hanson
Thomas J. Battey.

After due deliberation it was decided that both cases be referred to the following Committee who are desired to give them careful attention [illegible] [illegible] and report at a future meeting.

Committee { Robert B. Hanson Ellen R. Dunham
Thomas J. Battey Sarah J. Hanson
Daniel Meader Louisa F. Meader
John H. Meader Anna A. Meader

The following applications for membership have been received viz.

Lincoln R.I. Feb. 21, 1894.
To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends.
Having joined the Society of Friends & liking its principles and doctrine, we desire that our children Clara M., Lottie L., Thaddaeus W. and Rowley R. Fitts should become members.
Wm. R. Fitts
Hattie E. Fitts

also.

Lincoln R.I. Feb. 21st 1894.
To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends.
Having accepted Christ as my Saviour and being convinced of the doctrine as set forth by your Religious Society I would ask that I might be received a member of your worthy
Sadie F. Fitts. —

Whereupon we appoint M. Augusta Battey Louisa A. Meader Joseph H. Meader & Daniel Meader, a committee to take the usual care in the case of these requests & report their judgment to our next meeting.

Second Month 1894.

We have at this time accepted the following removal certificate in favor of Burker Newhall from Baltimore Monthly Meeting, &c.

Viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting
of Friends.

Dear Friends.

Burker Newhall, having removed to reside within your limits requests our certificate of his right of membership in the Society of Friends. - This is to certify that he is a member of this meeting; and that upon due inquiry no obstruction appears to the issuing of a certificate in his behalf and we recommend him to your Christian care and fellowship.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Baltimore Monthly Meeting Of Friends held 2nd mo 8, 1894

James Carey Jr.
Katharine M. Brevitt } Clerks.

Adjourned for one Month
Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Third Month, 1894

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo 28, 1894.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Louisa A. Meader, Hannah P. Ladd, Robert P. Carson & John H. Meader who are present.

We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Ellen E. Buffum and Hannah P. Ladd to revise our list of Membership and prepare the usual summary of statistics for the information of the Quarterly Meeting.

The committee in the cases of Emma J. La Rose and Wm L. Bates presented the viz: —

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To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends.

The committee appointed to consider the complaints against William L. Bates and Emma J. La Rose report — We have given the subject our careful attention with an earnest desire to do justice to all: we had an interview with them, both parties and all the members of the committee being present. In view of all the circumstances of the case we feel compelled to advise the monthly meeting to drop their names from its list of membership.

Signed) Ellen K. Buffum Daniel Meader
Louisa N. Meader Wm. C. Meader
Sarah [illegible] Hanson Thomas J. Battey
Anna [illegible] Meader Robert [illegible] Hanson

Providence, 3 mo 28, 1894.

After full and serious consideration it was found to be the sense of the meeting that the report be accepted and in accordance with the recommendation of the committee, Emma J. La Rose and William L. Bates are hereby disowned from membership with us. The clerk is directed to inform them of our decision and of their right of appeal.

The committee on applications for membership reported as follows.

We your committee appointed to confer with William & Harriet E. Tillo in reference to their request for their minor children, Clara, Louise Thaddeus & Howden Tillo would report that we have had a satisfactory interview with them, and also with *Sarah [illegible] Tillo the eldest minor daughter who made her own request; and we would recommend that they be received as members of our religious Society.

[illegible]
Clara M.
Thaddeus [illegible]
*Sarah [illegible]

On behalf of the Committee
Daniel Meader Louisa N. Meader
M. Augusta Battey

which is satisfactory and the children therein named are hereby admitted members of our Society and the clerk is directed to inform them of their acception

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and furnish the recorder with necessary information.

We have accepted at this time the following removal certificate from New York Monthly Meeting of Friends in favor of Charles C. Varney and Family, viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Charles E. Varney, a minister of the Gospel and his wife Emma C. Varney, and their minor children Arthur Varney & Edith H. Varney, having removed to reside within your limits request our certificate. It is with sincere regret we part with these dear friends, whose sojourn with us has been so acceptable.

We cordially recommend them to your Christian care and notice and as your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of New York Monthly Meeting of Friends held at New York, the 14th of 3rd mo. 1894.

Oscar Goerke
Clerk for the day.

Daniel S. Taber
Correspondent.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

4th mo 7-

Fourth Month, 1894.

At Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends, held 4th mo. 25th 1894.

By the account from our Preparative meetings it appears that the representatives to this are Phebe R. Gifford, Mary S. Glasse, Edward B. Perry & Joseph H. Atwater who are present.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the answers adopted by our Preparative Meeting are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by [illegible] [illegible] Augusta Battey,

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Elizabeth A. Gifford, Charles E. [illegible], Charles C. [illegible] and Joseph H. [illegible] whom we have appointed our representatives they are requested to attend at the meeting house in East Greenwich at 10 o'clock in the morning of the Quarterly Meeting.

The committee on Statistics presented the following report, a summary of which the clerk is directed to forward to the Quarterly Meeting.

Report of the Committee on Statistics
Prov. 4th mo. 24, 1894.

To the Monthly Meeting.
No. of members last year [illegible]
Received by certificate - - - 2
Viz. John Palmer
Barker Newhall
Received by request - - - - 9
Viz. William Renfrew, Annie M. Renfrew
Thomas Cobain, Elizabeth Cobain,
Wm Paton, Mary E. Paton,
James Ferguson
Wm H. Fitts Harriet E. Fitts
Released - - 1
Viz. Orren Bates.
Removed by certificate - - 8
Elizabeth B. Goodrich,
Richard M. Atwater and six minor children.
Deceased - - - - - - - 1
Viz. Dorcas B. Robinson
Total - - 10
Present Membership 167
No. children from ages 4 to 21. - - - 15
" " " " 12 " 21 12
No " attending school 15
" " " " taught or controlled by Friends 6
" attending school taught or controlled by Friends between the ages 12 & 21 5
No. of Ministers 5
" Elders 12
" associate members - 8

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to the Committee.

Hannah P. Ladd.

The clerk reported that he had informed Emma J. Lewis & Wm L. Bales of their disownment (having appealed) & Wm Dilley of the admission of his children to membership.

We have received our quota of the London General Epistle for 1893 for distribution.

Our treasurer is directed to pay the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our quota of Stock called for in the 8th mo last.

Thomas J. Battey.
Clerk.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except two small meetings for worship. Those on first-day mornings are usually well attended: other meetings are small

Ans. 2nd

Love and unity have been generally maintained and detraction guarded against. Friends have endeavored to end differences when they have appeared.

Ans. 3rd

There has been a care manifested by most Friends to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to influence their children in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans 5

No use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage has come to our knowledge. Friends appear to have been generally careful in regard to amusements and their manner of living

misplaced

Ans 4

Friends generally read the scriptures individually but collective family reading is more neglected. The duty and privilege of studying the scriptures is generally appreciated. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry appears to have been maintained

Ans. 6th

The circumstances of the poor have been attended to and the education of their children provided for.

Ans. 7th

In regard to military matters or defrauding the revenue no infringement of our testimony has come to our knowledge.

Ans. 8th

Friends have generally been careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, and to attend to the just discharge of promises and debts and to live within their income.

Ans. 9th

Records and removals have received careful attention.

Ans. 10th

Friends have endeavored to administer the discipline in christian tenderness, timely and impartially.

Thos J. Battey, Clerk.

Fifth Month, 1894

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 30, 1894:

By the account from our Preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Ellen N. Atwater, Elizabeth A Gifford, Robert B. Hanson; Samuel Austin who is present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended.

We have accepted the following removal certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting in favor of William C. Aldrich viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends,

Dear Friends:

William C. Aldrich having removed

to reside within your limits this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting and has settled his temporal affairs to satisfaction as far as appears.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Smithfield Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket 4th Mo. 26, 1894.

Richard Battey.
Clerk for the day.

Isaac Steere,
Correspondent.

The clerk is directed to inform him of his reception as a member of our Mo. Meeting.

The further holding of the afternoon meeting for worship on First-day in Providence, having claimed our serious consideration, the sense of the meeting seemed to be that the time has fully come when that meeting should be discontinued, and the meeting will therefore be dropped until further action of our Monthly Meeting.

Thomas J. Battey.
Clerk.

Sixth Month, 1894.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th Mo. 27, 1894.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Elizabeth A. Gifford Susan Peckham Deborah N. Gifford, Edward B. Perry & John B. Meader who are all present.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Seventh Month, 1894.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 25. 1894.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Asenath Tetlow, Louisa A. Meader, Thomas J. Battey and Edward B. Perry, who are present except one.

The queries have all been read at this time, and we have appointed Deborah H. Gifford, Elizabeth W. Gifford, Sarah J. Hanson, John H. Meader, Chas. H. Battey and Robert B. Hanson, representatives to the Quarterly Meeting.

The following applications for membership in the Society of Friends, have been forwarded to us through the Preparative Meeting, and M. Augusta Battey, Susan Peckham, Sarah J. Hanson, Thomas J. Battey, John H. Meader and Samuel Austin, are appointed to have interviews with the parties applying, and report their judgment of the cases to our next meeting.

Lime Rock R. I. 7th mo. 1894.

To the Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

By the mercy of God through faith in our blessed Saviour & his atonement, and having known his pardoning love we, the undersigned, are desirous of finding a Christian home for ourselves and our dear children, and having found the Friends meeting near Saylesville a source of much spiritual refreshment and strength, and also agreeing to your doctrine and discipline we would hereby request to become members of your religious society, together with our minor children

Charlotte Frances Briggs age [illegible]
Herbert Fillmore Briggs, age 9
Harry King Briggs " 4
Annie Lazelle Arnold Briggs, age 16 mo.

Signed
Edgar H. Briggs } parents
Helen A. Briggs }

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Saylesville, R. I. 7 mo. 1894
To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Myself and my wife have known the Friends Society (both in England and in America) for some years and having become much attached to them and to their principles and testimonies as laid down in your book of discipline which we have read we would hereby request membership in your society for ourselves and our two minor children

Truly your friends
Signed
Thomas Walker
Jane Walker

Children
Blanche Walker age 8 yrs.
Samuel Walker " 6 "

Saylesville, R. I. 6 mo 26 '94
To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends,

Having known as I humbly trust saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and having belief in your principles and testimonies I request to be received a member of your Society

Sincerely your friend
Emil Alexander Ferguson.

7th mo. 1894
To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends,

Having for a considerable time attended your meetings held near my home, and having been strengthened and spiritually refreshed in them, and also having examined your principles and practice as recorded in your book of Discipline and approving of them. I hereby expressing my wish to unite with you in membership if you should deem me worthy.

Truly yours in Christ
Abbie F. Cory.

Saylesville, R.I. 7 mo 1894,
To, Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends.

Having as I humbly trust known the forgiveness of sin through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and desiring the encouragement and strength of a Christian Home, and feeling satisfied with the principles and testimonies of your Society, I would hereby request to become a member of your Society.

Sincerely, your friend,
Signed,
Eliza J. Higgins.

Saylesville, R.I. 7th mo 1894,
To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Having as I humbly trust received by faith the Lord Jesus Christ and forgiveness through him and desiring the comfort encouragement and protection of a Church home, and believing in your principles and testimonies, I hereby request to become a member of your society should you deem me worthy.

James Renfrew.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Eigth Month 1894.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 29 1894.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Elizabeth H. Austin Ellen K. Buffum, Chas. H. Batley and Robert S. Hanson who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee on applications for membership reported that they were giving attention to the subject but desired a little more time for making their final report. They were continued another month.

We have received the following communication from the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting ×× (See margin) .. relating to official communications from our late Yearly Meeting to which we have given the required attention.

The subjects therein, relating to finance we refer to our finance committee and we propose the sum of ($800 Eight Hundred Dollars for the amount necessary to be raised to meet our expenses for the ensuing year

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 mo 2 1894, that Meeting concluded to raise for its use the ensuing year the sum of Five hundred and fifty (550) dollars to supply its Treasury and the several Mo Meetings were directed to pay to Robert P Gifford its Treasurer their respective quotas of that sum on or before the 1st of 5th month 1895.

The quota of Providence Mo Meeting is $154.00 28 per cent

By a minute from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting held at Newport R.I. in 6th month last, the attention of Monthly Meetings was specially called, by that Meeting to the following minutes of the same and

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this Mee Meeting directs that the several Mo Meetings, give their attention to each respectively Viz

To Minute No. 31 relating to Finances
" " " 48 " " Overseers &c
" " " 57 " " Care of Records
" " " 59 " " Expunging a Clause of Discipline
" " " 68. Section 4 relating to the appointment of Representative to the Yr Mtg
" " " 70 relating to the rescinding of Minute No 49 of the Yr Mtg Minutes of 1893 —

From the Minutes of the aforesaid Quarterly Meeting Held as above

Saml R Buffinton }
Susan Peckham } Clerks
Chas W Eade Clerk for the day.

P.S.

Blanks for the Statistical reports accompanies the above - SRB

Ninth Month 1894.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 mo 26. 1894

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Anna A. Meader, Elizabeth H. Austin, Albert B. Hanson, and Charles H. Battey who are present.

The committee on applications for membership appointed in 7th mo. last made the following report, which after careful deliberation was accepted, and the persons therein named are hereby admitted to our society as therein recommended.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends,

The Committee appointed in 7th mo. last to visit certain persons requesting membership among us respectfully report.

In pursuance of the duty assigned us we have held interviews with all those requesting and found them evidently sincere in their purpose to lead a christian life in accordance with the principles of our society.

The undersigned members of the committee therefore, recommend that Edgar H. Briggs, his wife Frelove H. Briggs, Thomas Walker, his wife Jane Walker, Ann Alexander Ferguson, Abbie F. Corey, Eliza J. Higgins and James [illegible] be admitted members of the religious Society of Friends in Providence Monthly Meeting.

As regards the minors applied for, entire willingness was expressed by the parents that their reception be deferred until such time as their parents may see fit to request for them after becoming members themselves.

Signed M. Augusta Battey
Susan Peckham
Sarah J. Hanson
Thomas J. Battey
Committee.

Robert P. Gifford, Hannah S. Ladd, Louisa A. Meader, Augustine Jones & Elizabeth A. Gifford are appointed to inform the friends named in the above report of their

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admission to membership with us, and also to consider whether the time has not come to reestablish the Lower Smithfield Preparative Meeting at our meeting house in Lincoln, right next month.

The same friends are also requested to bring forward to our next meeting the names of friends to serve this meeting as officers of society for the ensuing year.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Tenth Month, 1894.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10 mo. 24th 1894.

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Elizabeth C. Capron, M. Augusta Battey, Charles C. Varney, and Robert P. Gifford, who are present.

The queries have all been read and considered in this meeting and we appoint Anna C. Varney, Sarah J. Hanson, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Augustine Jones, Joseph H. Atwater and Robert P. Gifford, our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Fall River.

From the committee appointed last month, we have received the following report, viz.

Providence, 10/24/94.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The Committee having care of the proposition relating to a Preparative meeting for Lower Smithfield Meeting, have given attention thereto & having conferred with members of that meeting, we are united in recommending the establishment of a Preparative Meeting at that place to be held on the 4th day evening preceding our Monthly Meeting, and that it be called Saylesville Preparative Meeting on account of the adjacent village and Post Office having the name of Saylesville. For the Committee

Robt. P. Gifford.

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Which after due consideration is approved, and we hereby decide to reëstablish the Lower Smithfield Preparative Meeting under the name of Saylesville Preparative Meeting of Friends to be held in our meeting house near the village of Saylesville in the town of Lincoln R.I. on the Fourth day evening preceding our Monthly Meeting, beginning with a Meeting for worship at 7.30 P.M.

(Omitted in copying) and Elizabeth A. Gifford
Thos J. Battey, M. Augusta Battey, Robert P.
Gifford and Joseph H. Atwater are appointed to
attend the opening meeting and report
next month (insert here)

The same committee further report the following friends as officers of Society for the ensuing year. The report is satisfactory and the friends named are hereby appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment.

Overseers of Society.

Robert B. Hanson	Louisa N. Meader
Thomas J. Battey	Anna N. Meader
Ellen R. Buffum	M. Augusta Battey.
Sarah J. Hanson	

Overseers of the Poor

Robert P. Gifford	Mary S. Glasse
Louisa N. Meader	Ellen M. Atwater.
Elizabeth A. Gifford	

Clerks.

Thomas J. Battey Elizabeth A. Gifford

Treasurer Robert P. Gifford.

Auditors

Robert B. Hanson Charles Sisson

Recorder Samuel Austin

Reporters of Births & Deaths

Thomas J. Battey Joseph H. Atwater.

Caretakers of Meeting Houses Funerals & Burying Grounds.

For Providence and Scituate.

Samuel Austin	Robert B. Hanson
Robert P. Gifford	Charles E. Battey

For Smithfield and Cumberland.

Joseph H. Atwater	Henry Metcalf.
John H. Meader	

Finance Committee

Louisa N. Meader	Hannah P. Ladd
Eliz. C. Capron	Robert B. Hanson

Robert P. Gifford

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The Treasurer and Auditors made the following reports which were accepted by the meeting.

Providence, 10/27/94.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The Finance Committee for the past year would report the collections through the Envelope System as follows.

For Meeting Expenses	$92.00
" Gospel Work	8.25
" Foreign Missions	33.50
" Western Indians	20.00
" Freedmen	51.75
" Bible Schools	3.00
" Temperance Work	10.00
" Peace Cause	3.00
	$222.50

For the Committee
[illegible] Gifford

Providence 10th mo. 27. 894.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The Treasurer's Accounts have been examined and found correctly kept with proper vouchers.

The receipts for meeting expenses the past year have been $609.71, and the expenditures have been $776.70, which includes the balance of $81.74 Meeting House repairs transferred to this account.

The Burying Ground Fund has credit	$66.89
" Deborah [illegible] Fund " "	4.11
" School Fund " "	123.69

Cash now in Bank is $27.70

Total deficiency in expense Account $166.99

Robert B. Hanson, Auditor

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Eleventh Month 1894.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 11 mo. 28, 1894:

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this one from Providence, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Lydia Coffin, Robert B. Hanson, & Chas. H. Battey; from Saylesville, Abbie J. Cory and Archibald Renfrew, who are present except one.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended.

The following report was received and accepted—

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

We your committee appointed to attend the opening of Saylesville Preparative Meeting at the Lower Smithfield Meeting House, report that we have given attention to the matter, and that the meeting for worship was held with due solemnity, after which the Preparative Meeting was properly organized by the appointment of a clerk, and naming representatives to the Mo. Meeting.

On behalf of the committee
Thos. J. Battey
Robert P. Gifford
Wm. H. Atwater
M. Augusta Battey.

Providence, 11 mo. 28, 1894.

We have at this time accepted the following removal certificates in favor of Walter S. Meader & his Wife Lucy H. Meader, with their minor son Stephen Warren Meader. The clerk is directed to give the necessary information to the parties.

To Providence (R.I.) Mo. Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Walter S. Meader having removed to reside within ~~your~~ the limits of your meeting, requests our certificate for himself and minor son, Stephen Warren. This may certify that they are members of this meeting, and their temporal concerns settled to satisfaction as far as appears

We recommend them to your christian care and and are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Dover

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Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Rochester N.H. 11th mo 7th 1894.

George J. Jenness } Clerks.
Annie E. Page }

Wm. P. Tuttle, Correspondent.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Lucy H. Meader has removed within your limits and requests our certificate. This may certify that she is a member of this meeting, and has settled her outward affairs to satisfaction. We recommend her to your Christian care and love and are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Winthrop Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 9th mo. 28th 1894.

Alfred W. Hawkes.
Clerk.

The following application for membership having been received through Saylesville Preparative Meeting, We appoint Hannah P. Ladd, Louisa W. Meader, Robert P. Gifford & Joseph H. Atwater a committee to visit the applicants and report their judgment in the case to our next meeting.

Lonsdale, R.I., Oct. 21, 1894.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

Having with my dear wife been a regular attender of Saylesville Friends Meeting for about a year; and knowing what it is to be justified freely by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; and accepting as we do your principles and testimonies as founded in the Truth, we would hereby request to become members of your religious Society

Signed { Robert McFarlane
Katie McFarlane.

A communication from the clerk of our Quarterly Meeting informs us that M. Augusta Bailey

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has been appointed Superintendent of Bible School in R. I. Quarterly Meeting for the year ending 5th mo. 1895.

It is hereby directed that the name of Libbie F Cory be added to our Finance Committee.

The Overseers of the Monthly Meeting are hereby directed to obtain a suitable insurance on our meeting house at Saylesville, in the town of Lincoln & report at our next meeting.

Thomas J. Bailey
Clerk.

Twelfth Month, 1894.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12. Mo. 26, 1894.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are, from Providence Elizabeth A. Gifford and Samuel Austin; from Saylesville, Harriet E. Titts and Wm R. Titts, who are all present.

The committee on applications for membership made the following report, viz.

Providence, 12 mo 26, 1894.

To the Monthly Meeting.

According to our appointment we have had a satisfactory interview with Robert McFarlane, and his wife Katie McFarlane.

We believe them to be sincere in their statement of request for membership in our religious society, as presented to our last Monthly Meeting, and we would recommend that they be received.

Hannah P. Ladd
Joseph H. Atwater } Committee
Robert P. Gifford

which is accepted and in accordance therewith we hereby admit Robert McFarlane, & his wife Katie McFarlane to membership in the Society of Friends, and the clerk is directed to inform them of our action in the case.

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In accordance with the directions given them last month, the overseers report that they have insured the Friends Meeting House at Saylesville in the Mutual Insurance Co. of Pawtucket for three years in the sum of ($2000) Two thousand Dollars at a cost of ($40. Forty Dollars subject to the ordinary risks. And have given an order on our treasurer for that amount.

This meeting approves of their action in the case.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

First Month, 1895.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo. 30, 1895:

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are for Providence Mary S. Glasse, Sarah C. Tobey and Robert B. Hanson; for Saylesville John H. Meader and Ellen M. Atwater; who are present.

The Queries have all been read and considered in this meeting and we appoint Elizabeth C. Capron, Sarah J. Hanson, Augustine Jones, Charles C. Varney Robert B. Hanson Joseph H. Atwater & Robert P. Gifford our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting next to be held in Providence. They are requested to meet for the purpose of nominating Clerks of the Quarterly Meeting at the Meeting House in Prov. at 10 o'clock on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting.

We appoint Mary S. Glasse Elizabeth A. Gifford, Elizabeth A. Thorne, Robert P. Gifford and Robert B. Hanson to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting and report the expense to our next meeting.

Thomas and Elizabeth Cobam, having applied through Saylesville Preparative Meeting,

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for the care of Friends on behalf of their six minor children and Robert and Katie McFarlane having likewise applied on behalf of their five children, it is concluded upon due consideration to grant their respective requests and we accordingly hereby admit to membership in the Society of Friends:

Thomas Cobain, Jr., born in Scotland 5 mo 7, 1881.
Annie Cobain, born on the passage over 8 mo 29, 1884
Barbara Eston Cobain, born in Lincoln R. I. 10 mo. 16, 1886.
Elizabeth Cobain, Jr. " " " " " 11 mo 8, 1888
Samuel Cobain " " Lonsdale " 12 mo 13, 1890
Rachel Cobain " " " " 2 mo. 26, 1893.
Elizabeth McFarlane " " Scotland 6 mo 24, 1880
Mary McFarlane " " " 7 mo 15, 1883
Katie McFarlane, Jr., " " Lonsdale R. I. 10 mo 12, 1889.
Robert McFarlane Jr., " " Saylesville " 7 mo. 10 1891
Hattie McFarlane " " Lonsdale " 9 mo 15 1893

The following friends are appointed to visit the two families and report to them our action in receiving their children into membership viz.

Susan Peckham Charles C. Varney
Hannah P. Ladd Robert P. Gifford
Joseph H. Atwater.

A communication from the Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight recommends the appointment as associate members of that meeting, of Samuel Austin, M. Augusta Battey, Sarah C. Libby, Asenath Sutton, Cynthia A. Meade, Elizabeth C. Capron, Ellen M. Atwater and Elizabeth R. Gifford. This being acceptable to us the friends named are hereby appointed to that station for a period not exceeding two years, subject to the approval of the Quarterly Meeting.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Second Month 1895

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2 mo. 27 1895.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence Elizabeth A. Gifford and [illegible] from Portsmouth, E. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] H. Briggs, who are all present except one.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee appointed to report in reference to the [illegible] applications for membership reported that the information [illegible] [illegible] but they be continued another month that they may visit the families personally.

The committee appointed to make [illegible] for the [illegible] of the Quarterly Meeting reported as follows Twenty five ($25) Dollars [illegible] contributions, which is satisfactory to the meeting and they are hereby authorized to draw on our treasurer for that sum.

Thos. [illegible] Bailey,
Clerk.

Third Month 1895.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 3 mo. 27, 1895:

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence [illegible] Bailey and Robert P. Gifford, from [illegible] [illegible] H. [illegible] and Anna A. [illegible] who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

A request was received through Portsmouth Preparative Meeting, from Wm Paton and his wife Mary Paton for the admission to membership in the Society of Friends of their two minor children, viz:

Mary Paton born in Scotland 11th mo. [illegible] [illegible]

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John Paton born in Scotland 11th mo. 11th 18[illegible]
Janet Paton " " " 11th mo. 6th 1887.

After due consideration it was concluded to grant their request and the necessary [illegible] was referred to the committee already appointed for similar service in connection with the application made in 1st mo last.

The matter of holding meetings during the summer season at Saylesville and Conimicut having been called to our notice [illegible] Elizabeth [illegible] Thomas J. Battey [illegible] Hanson a committee to take the matter under their care, and have the oversight of such [illegible]

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk

Fourth Month, 1893.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo. 24, 1893;

By the accounts from [illegible] Thomas J. Battey; from Saylesville, Abbie F. [illegible] and [illegible] the Meeting all of whom are present.

The Queries have [illegible] meeting and a summary of answers prepared which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting, by Louisa [illegible] C. Varney, Charles C. Varney, Joseph H. [illegible] Robert P. Gifford whom we appoint our representatives. They are requested to meet at the meeting house in East Greenwich at 9 o'clock in the morning of the Quarterly Meeting.

Our recorder presented the following statistics of the [illegible] Meeting [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Number of members last year 189
To which add as received by certificate,
Wm. A. Aldrich, Charles C. Varney,
& Anna C. Varney with their children
C. Wilmer & Edith R. Varney; also
Walter S. Meader & Lucy H. Meader with
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
(Received by request 5 children of Wm. R.
& Harriet Pitts, namely Sarah J.,
Clara M., Lottie L., Thaddeus H., and
Harvey R. } 5
Also by request Edwin H. Briggs & his
wife Freelove H. Briggs, [illegible]
and his wife [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
his wife Katie Macfarland. } 10
[illegible] children of Thomas and Elizabeth
Cobain, Thomas Jr., Anne, Barbara E.,
Elizabeth, Jr. Samuel and Rachel;
And five children of Robert and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Elizabeth, Mary,
Katie [illegible], [illegible], Harriet. } 11
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Four of our members have
deceased within the year [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] year)
Daniel Meader (Elder 10th 6th 94 in 69th year)
Joseph L. Holmes & Isaac Aldrich
(There have been two cases of disownment — 6
Present no. members 217

[illegible] [illegible].

No. of children 4 to 21 yrs. of age 29
" " " 12 " " " " "
" " " Attending School 26
" " " " " taught or controlled by Friends 7
" " " " " " " " "
12 to 21 years of age

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Quarterly Meeting [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

A communication from the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting informed that by reason of a decision to hold its sessions hereafter as a [illegible] Quarterly Meeting only one set of answers to the queries & need be forwarded; and that the names of our associate members of the Meeting [illegible] and [illegible] with.

Our quota of the London General Epistle [illegible] Meeting, has been [illegible] and distribution.

Thomas Q. Batley,
Clerk.

Answers to the Queries.

[illegible]

All our meetings for Divine worship and [illegible] proportion of those of our members who reside within the limits of this meeting are diligent in their attendance on First day morning, [illegible] generally small. The hour nearly observed.

Ans. 2.

With some exception love and unity are [illegible]. Detraction [illegible]. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 3

[illegible] and conversation; those who have children [illegible] and [illegible] Christian profession.

Ans. 4.

[illegible] frequently read the Holy Scriptures [illegible] their children in the practice of this religious duty. Collective family reading somewhat neglected.

[illegible] testimony to a free gospel ministry maintained.

Ans: 5

We know of no Friends who use intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character. Moderation observed in all things.

Ans. 6.

The necessities of the poor are [illegible] appear ~~attended~~ [illegible] [illegible] they are assisted in obtaining suitable employment, and in educating their children.

Ans. 7.

With a little exception we believe [illegible] [illegible]

Ans: 8

~~Friends~~ [illegible] with their accounts; to be punctual to their promises and just in the [illegible] [illegible] their circumstances.

Ans: 9

Overseers [illegible] attended to [illegible]

Ans: 10

The Discipline is administered in [illegible] would be desirable.

Fifth Month 1895.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th mo. 29th 1895.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives are from Providence Robert P. Gifford Ellen R. Buffum and [illegible] Cornell from Saylesville Archibald S. [illegible] [illegible] Meader who are present except two.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended except one.

The committee appointed to visit the parents whose children have recently been admitted to membership reported through one of their number that they had attended to the appointment, and had had satisfactory interviews with the parents and children.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Sixth Month. 1895.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo 26 1895.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are, from Providence, Mary S. Glasse and Robert B. Hanson; and from Saylesville Eliza J. Higgins, and John H. Meader, who are present.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Seventh Month 1895.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo. 24th 1895.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings, the representatives are from Providence Lydia Coffin, Susan [illegible], and Robert P. Gifford from Saylesville Anna S. Meader and John H. Meader who were present except one who was prevented by illness.

The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Elizabeth [illegible] was appointed clerk for the day

Seventh Month, 1895.

Saylesville Preparative Meeting requests this meeting to consider the propriety of holding our Monthly Meetings alternately at Providence and Saylesville, and we appoint Hannah P. Rudd, Louisa A. Meader, Susan Peckham, Joseph W. Meader, Robert P. Gifford and Robert B. Hanson a committee on the same to report at a future meeting.

We have received requests for membership from Eliza C. Eaton and Maggie Montgomery, and we appoint Sarah J. W. Hanson and Ellen R. Gifford to visit them and report at a future meeting.

The queries have been read and considered at this time, and we appoint Mary H. Meader, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Robert P. Gifford and Robert B. Hanson representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting.

Elizabeth A. Gifford
Clerk for the day.

Eighth Month, 1895.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 28th 1895.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives are from Providence, H. Augusta Battey, Elizabeth C. Cooper, Robert B. Hanson and Thomas J. Battey; from Saylesville, Archibald Renfrew and Louisa A. Meader, who are all present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The Committee on the requests for membership received last month not being ready to report are continued and requested to act also on the applications for membership received to day from the same Preparative Meeting, viz. from Charlotte F. Briggs and from Edgar H. Briggs and his wife Eveline H. Briggs on behalf of their minor children

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Herbert A. Briggs age 9 yrs.
Henry H. Briggs " 6 "
Emma L. A. Briggs " 3 "

Saylesville Preparative Meeting asks that this meeting appoint one or more new friends on their Finance Committee. This request was considered but as the time for the annual appointment is so near it was concluded to defer the matter till then.

We have received the following communication from the Clerk of our Quarterly Meeting relative to Stock which we refer to our Finance Committee. The other matters relative to changes in the Discipline &c. have received the requisite attention.

To Providence Mo Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 8th mo 1st That meeting concluded to raise for its use the ensuing year, the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty (550) Dollars to supply its treasury, and the several Monthly Meetings were directed to pay to its Treasurer, Robert P. Gifford their respective quotas of the sum named on or before the 1st of 12th mo. 1896.

The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is $ 54 27.

By a minute from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting held at Portland, Me. it appears that the attention of Monthly Meetings was specially called by that Meeting to the following minutes of said meeting, and this meeting directs that Monthly Meetings give their attention to each respectively. Viz.

Minute No. 17 relating to Education
" " 27 " " Church Extension
" " 37 " " Finance
Monthly Meetings to arrange for their financial year to begin in the Autumn.
Minute no. 64 relating to letters of recommendation to and from other Churches.

Eighth Month 27th

Minute No. 25 relating to [illegible] Buffum &c.

From the minutes of the aforesaid Meeting held as above, [illegible] a United Quarterly Meeting [illegible] R. Buffinton

Clerk.

Thomas J. Battey,

Clerk.

Ninth Month 1875.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9mo. 23 1875.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings, it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence, Asenath Setlow, Elizabeth C. Buffum and Robert B. Buffum; from Saylesville [illegible] Joseph H. [illegible] and [illegible] H. [illegible] who are present.

The committee on applications for membership reported that they had had a satisfactory interview with Eliza E. [illegible] and Maggie Montgomery and were united in recommending that they be received into membership with us. They also report satisfactory interview with Esek H. and Freelove H. Briggs and their minor children Charlotte J., Herbert F., [illegible] E. and Anna L. A. Briggs. They likewise recommend that these children be admitted into membership.

This meeting cordially unites with the recommendation of that committee, and the above named applicants are hereby received into membership in the Society of Friends, and the clerk is directed to inform them of our action.

The committee on the request from Saylesville Preparative Meeting relative to the time and place of holding the Monthly Meeting informed the meeting that they had given attention to the subject but were not ready to make a final report. The matter is left in their hands and their attention called to the [illegible] form of the request that was sent up today by the Saylesville meeting, that the Monthly Meetings be held there alternately or otherwise.

We appoint Ellen R. [illegible] [illegible] Sarah J. Hanson, Walter B. Meader, [illegible] R. Meader, John H. Meader, Joseph H. Atwater, Anna A. Meader, a committee to bring forward the names of Friends to act as officers of Society for the ensuing year, and report at our next meeting.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Tenth Month 1895.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10 mo. 30, 1895.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are Elizabeth [illegible] M. Augusta Battey and Robert B. Hanson from Providence; and Valentine Meader Abbie F. Corey and Harriet E. Fitts from Saylesville, all are present except two.

The Queries have all been read and answered in the meetings [illegible] we appoint Sarah J. Hanson, Robert P. Gifford, Hannah C. [illegible] Augustine Jones, Joseph H. Atwater, Anna A. Meader & [illegible] H. Atwater representatives to the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Fall River.

The Auditors presented the following report which is accepted.

Providence, 10th mo. 26, 1895.

To the Monthly Meeting

The Treasurer's accounts have been examined and found correct with balances as follows:

Meeting Expenses the past year	$ [illegible]
Receipts for same	680.50
Deficit	$ [illegible]

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Treasurer's Acct. con.

Deficit	$129.09
Deficit reported last year	85.15
Total	$214.24

Meeting House Repair acct.

Balance unpaid last year	$81.84
Received in 1st mo. last	60.00
Balance unpaid at this date.	$21.84
Balance to credit of Burying Ground Income Fund,	$113.31
Balance to credit of Deborah H. Jenks Fund Income	$31.11
Balance to credit of School Fund	$129.65

Robert B. Hanson } Auditors
Charles Lisson }

The committee on nominations for officers of Society presented the following report which is satisfactory and the Friends named therein are appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment.

For Officers of Providence Mo. Meeting.

Overseers of Society

Robert B. Hanson — Hannah P. Ladd
Thomas J. Battey — Sarah B. Hanson
John A. Meader — Louisa N. Meader
Archibald G. Renfrew — Anna A. Meader
M. [illegible] Battey

Overseers of the Poor

Robert P. Gifford — Mary J. Hanson
Louisa N. Meader — Elizabeth A. Gifford
Ellen M. Atwater

Clerks

Thomas J. Battey — Elizabeth A. Gifford

Treasurer

Robert P. Gifford

Auditors

Robert B. Hanson — Chas. Lisson

Recorder

Samuel Austin

Reporters of Births & Deaths

Thomas J. Battey — Joseph H. Atwater

Caretakers of Meeting Houses, Funerals &c.

For Providence and Scituate } Samuel Austin, Robert P. Gifford, Walter S. Meader, Robert B Hanson

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Caretaker For Saylesville } Wm. R. Fitts   Joseph E. [illegible]
and Cumberland } John H. Meader   Henry Metcalf.

Finance Committee

Hannah P. [illegible]   Louisa A. Meader
Robert P. Gifford   Wm. R. Fitts
Robert B. Hanson   Robert McFarlane
Elizabeth C. Eaton

The committee to consider the propriety of a change in the time or place of holding the Monthly Meeting presented a report which was laid on the table for consideration at a future meeting.

We have received a request from James & Ann Alexander Ferguson ~~that their~~ minor children, Katharine and [illegible] Ferguson be received into Membership in our Society.

We appoint Joseph K. [illegible] and James A. Meader a committee to attend to the concern and report at our next meeting.

Our dear friend Charles C. Varney a minister of the Gospel in unity with us laid before this meeting a concern to attend the approaching sessions of Baltimore Yearly Meeting and also to perform some other service in the limits of that and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting as way may open for it. After due deliberation the meeting cordially united with his concern and encouraged him in the performance of his contemplated duty. The clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign it on our behalf.

Our dear friend Anna E. Varney expressed her purpose to accompany her husband Charles C. Varney in his proposed religious work. This may certify that she is a member in good esteem with us and has our full unity in the contemplated service.

We have received at this time our quota of the London General Epistles for 1895 for distribution. It is directed that this epistle be read at the close of a First day morning Meeting in each of our Preparative Meetings.

Thos. J. Battey
Clerk.

Eleventh Month 1895

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11 mo. 27, 1895.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence Ellen R. Buffum Sarah J. Hanson & Samuel Austin; from Saylesville Louisa N. Meader, Freelove Briggs and William R. Fitts, who are present except two.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended.

The committee on the request of James & [illegible] Ferguson for the admission of their children not being ready to report [illegible] continued.

A returning minute in favor of our friend Charles C. Varney was received and accepted from Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Twelfth Month. 1895

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo. 25. 1895.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are for Providence Mary S. Glasse, Elizabeth A. Gifford and Robert B. Hanson. For Saylesville Louisa N. Meader, Thomas Coburn, & Robert Mc Farlane. who are all present except one.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

First Month. 1896.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 1st mo 29. 1896.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives from Providence are Asenath [illegible] Elizabeth A Gifford and James G. Seton; From Saylesville Archibald G. Renfrew, Freelove H. Briggs and Valentine Meader, who are present except two.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and considered, and we have

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appointed Louisa P. Meader M. Augusta Battey Ellen K. Buffum Augustine Jones, Robert P. Gifford Robert B. Hanson, and Archibald G. Renfrew our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting next to be held in Providence. They are requested to meet at 10 o'clock on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting to nominate Quarterly Meeting Clerks.

The committee on applications for membership made the following report viz.

Providence R. I. 1/15/96.

To Prov. Mo. Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends.

We have had a satisfactory visit with the family of James & Ann Alexander Ferguson and believe it will be right to grant their request for the membership of their minor children. Catharine Ferguson and James Moore Ferguson.

Signed Joseph H. Atwater
Anna A. Meader.

which is satisfactory to this meeting and the children therein named are hereby admitted members of our Religious Society, and the clerk is directed to inform their parents of the same and obtain certificates of age &c for record.

We have accepted the following removal certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting in favor of Ruth Ann James. viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends.

Ruth Ann James a member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, who has been residing for some time within the limits of your meeting requests a removal certificate thereto.

This may certify that while with us she was a frequent attender of our meetings both for worship and discipline. We are informed that her secular affairs are satisfactorily settled. We recommend her to your Christian care.

Taken from the minutes of Greenwich Mo. Meeting of Friends, held at East Greenwich 11th mo. 4th 1895.

Chas. W. Earle, Clerk.

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We appoint Mary S. Glasse, Adelia P. Briggs Elizabeth A. Thorne, Archibald G. Renfrew Robert P. Gifford and Robert B. Hanson, a committee to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting and report the expense next month.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Second Month, 1896.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd mo. 26, 1896.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives are from Providence, Sarah C. Sobey, M. Augusta Battey and Robert P. Gifford; from Saylesville E. Herbert Briggs, Freelove H. Briggs, and Anna A. Meader, who are present. It appears from the Providence account that Emma D. Roberts desires membership in our society, and we appoint M. Augusta Battey and Hannah P. Ladd to confer with her on the subject of her request and report their judgment to our next meeting.

The committee to make provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported the net balance of expenses ($29.) Twenty Nine Dollars, which is satisfactory to this meeting, and they are hereby authorized to draw on our treasurer for that amount.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Third Month, 1896.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d mo. 25, 1896.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives are from Providence Susan Peckham and Samuel Austin. from Saylesville John C. Meader, Anna A. Meader and Ellen M. Atwater, who are present.

Third Month, 1896

The committee appointed in seventh month last to consider the propriety of a change in the time and place of holding some of the Monthly Meetings made the following report, to wit.

Providence, 3rd month 25, 1896.

To the Monthly Meeting

The committee under appointment to consider the holding of our Monthly Meetings "Alternately at Saylesville or otherwise" are united in proposing that for one year, beginning in 5th Mo. next, Providence Monthly Meeting be held at 3-30 P.M. on the last 7th day of each month in Providence, the Preparative Meetings to occur at the midweek meeting previous to the week of the Monthly Meeting.

On behalf of the committee
Robert P. Gifford
Louisa N. Meader.

While this report was generally acceptable to the meeting and the committee released it was decided to lay it over for final consideration until next meeting.

The Committee on the request of Emma D. Roberts presented the following; viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting,

Dear Friends,

The Committee appointed to visit Emma D. Roberts report that they have had an interesting and satisfactory interview with her.
They believe her to be an earnest, humble Christian, and sincere in her desire to unite with our Society.
She has mingled socially with Friends, has read some of their writings, and for the past year has attended their meetings.
It was through the instrumentality of Friends that she was led to accept Christ as her Redeemer. We recommend that she be taken into membership with us.

Hannah P. Ladd
M. Augusta Bailey } Committee

Which being duly considered is accepted and Emma D. Roberts is hereby admitted to membership in our religious Society.

The clerk is directed to inform her of our action.

We have at this time accepted the following removal certificate in favor of Edith Thomson Battey, wife of Charles H. Battey, and now residing in Attleboro.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Providence, R.I.

Dear Friends,

Edith Thomson Battey having removed within the limits of your meeting desires a certificate of her membership.

This is to certify that she is a member of Minneapolis Monthly Meeting held in good esteem by us. We commend her to your christian care and oversight and remain your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of Minneapolis Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Minneapolis Minn. 3rd mo. 12, 1896

Benjamin Webb
Clerk.

A. H. Lindley Correspondent.

We appoint Samuel Austin and Robert P. Gifford a committee to prepare the usual summary of statistics for the Quarterly Meeting and report next month.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk

Fourth Month, 1876.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4 mo. 29. 1896.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives were from Providence, Deborah W. Gifford, Elizabeth C. Capron, and Robert B. Hanson; from Saylesville, Ellen M. Atwater Anna A. Meader, and John H. Meader, who are present.

The queries have all been read in this meeting, and a summary of answers prepared which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by Elizabeth A. Gifford, M. Augusta Battey, Louisa N. Meader, Robert P. Gifford, John H. Meader, and Robert B. Hanson. They are requested to meet at the meeting house in East Greenwich at 9 o'clock on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting.

The committee on statistics presented the following report which is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to forward a summary of it to the Quarterly Meeting.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The committee on statistics report as follows.

The No. of members last year		217
Received by removal certificate, Ruth Ann James,	1	
Admitted as members on request of parents		
Mary, James and Janet, minor children of Wm and Mary Paton - - - - -	3	
Herbert S., Harry H., and Anna L. A. minor children of Edgar H. and Freelove H. Briggs	3	
Katharine and James M. Ferguson children of James and Ann A. Ferguson	2	
Eliza E. Eaton, Charlotte, and Maggie Montgomery	3	
Births. Lena, daughter of Robert and Katie McFarlane; John, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Cobain; and Wm Jr. son of Wm & Mary Paton.	3	15
		232

From which deduct as follows.

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deceased, viz 232
Mary E. R Kenyon, an elder died 3mo 5, 95 in her 57th yr }
Charles D. Kenyon an elder " 4 mo 8, 95 " his 71st " } 3
Anna S. Dennis an elder " 10th mo 10th 95 " her 83 yr. }
Col S. Steere Thaddeus W. Fitts 2 - 5
Present No. of Members - - - - - 227

Educational.
Number of members from 4-21 yrs. of age 35
" " " " 12 - 21 " " " 25
" " " attending school 26
" " " " "
taught or controled by friends 6
" between 12 & 21 years at " " " 6

The report of the committee on a change in holding the Monthly Meeting, recorded last month is accepted and our conclusion is referred to the Quarterly Meeting.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. The attendance on First days has fairly represented the membership; Other meetings more neglected. The hour generally well observed.

Ans. II

With some exception in one meeting love and unity appear to be maintained and detraction guarded against. Endeavors have been used to end differences.

Ans. III

We trust that Friends generally are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train those under their care in accordance with our christian profession.

Ans. IV

It is the custom among many of our friends frequently to read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families and to encourage the same practice in others, though we fear there is too much neglect of this duty amongst some of our members.

Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained as far as we know.

Ans. V

With one or two exceptions as to intoxicating liquors and a few as to places of diversion, Friends are careful to observe the several requirements of this query.

Ans. VI

The circumstances of the poor and of such as appear likely to need assistance are properly inspected and their necessities relieved. None have needed assistance in obtaining employment. Education of their children attended to.

Ans. VII

With one exception our members are careful to maintain our testimony against bearing arms, training or other military matters; against oaths and defrauding the public revenue.

Ans. VIII

We believe Friends inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, and observe the other requirements of this query.

Ans. IX

Careful as to records. Some removals without certificates under notice.

Ans. X

Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially.

Thomas J. Batley,
Clerk.

Fifth Month, 1896.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo 30th 1896.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence, S. Caroline Sobey Deborah W. Gifford, and Samuel Austin, and from Saylesville, Valentine Meader, Harriet E. Fitts, and Maria Meader the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

Our treasurer reports that he has paid to the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our proportion of the Stock called for in the 8th mo. last, which is satisfactory to this meeting.

Interesting reports were read at this time from the recording and corresponding secretaries of our Womens Foreign Missionary Society these reports show a membership of 39 and a commendable amount of work done.

The sum of $142 had been raised for the Mission at Ram Allah, and a barrel of much needed clothing valued at $60, had been forwarded to the Kickapoo Indians. This Monthly Meeting cordially approves of the faithful work set forth in these reports and desires to encourage our friends in their labors of love.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Supplementary Minute authorized to be inserted here to cover an omission in the records for 5th mo. 1896. as given above.

The representatives to the late Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich, reported that they were instructed by that meeting to inform us that our decision relative to a change in the time of holding our monthly meeting from the 4th day preceding the last 5th day in each month to the last 7th day at 3-30 P.M., was approved and this meeting left at liberty to so hold for one year beginning with 5th mo 1896.

T. J. Battey - Clerk.

Sixth Month. 1896.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo. 27. 1896.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence Susan Peckham, Phebe R. Gifford, 2nd and Robert P. Gifford, from Saylesville, John H. Meader, Archibald G. Renfrew, and Ellen M. Atwater, who are present.

Our dear friend Geo Wood attended this meeting and presented a certificate of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement from Deep River Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Deep River Quarterly Meeting, N.C.

His company and gospel services have been acceptable to us.

Our dear friend Edward G. Wood, also attended this meeting and presented a minute of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting endorsed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Mass. His company and gospel services have been acceptable to us.

We have at this time accepted a resignation of membership from Alice W. Slyfield (formerly Holmes). She having united herself with another religious denomination. Elizabeth A. Gifford is appointed to inform her of our action.

The committee appointed in 3rd mo. of last year to have charge of meetings at Scituate and Cumberland during the warm season is continued for similar service this year, and desired to make a report in the 10th mo. next.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Seventh Month, 1896.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo. 25 1896.

By the reports from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Prov. Elizabeth Seton, Edith T. Battey and Robert B. Hanson; from Saylesville, Valentine Meader, John H. Meader and Sadie F. Fitts, who are present except one. The Queries have all been read and considered in this meeting, and we appoint M. Augusta Battey, Hannah P. Ladd, Thomas J. Battey, Joseph H. Atwater and Robert B. Hanson representatives to the Quarterly Meetings next to be held at Newport.

Our Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight have recommended the appointment of Valentine Meader to the station of elder, which recommendation this meeting endorses, and he is accordingly appointed to that station subject to the approval of the Quarterly Meeting.

Elizabeth A. Gifford reported that she had informed Alice W. Slyfield of the acceptance of her resignation.

Thos. J. Battey,
Clerk.

Eighth Month, 1896.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 29, 1896.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence, Sarah J. Hanson, Asenath Tetlow and Samuel Austin; from Saylesville, Maggie Montgomery, Eliza J. Higgins, and James Renfrew, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

We have accepted at this time a removal

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certificate from Boston Monthly Meeting in favor of Elizabeth Cobb, which is as follows.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends.

Elizabeth Cobb having removed to reside within your limits, requests our certificate

This is to certify that she is a member of this meeting in good esteem and has settled her outward affairs satisfactorily so far as appears.

By direction and on behalf of Boston Monthly Meeting, Friends, held 7th 10th 1896.

Lindsey S. Jones
Clerk.

Olney S. Meader, Correspondent.

Our representatives to the late Quarterly Meeting, report that the appointment of Valentine Meader to the station of elder, was endorsed by that meeting.

The following communication from the clerk of our Quarterly Meeting has been received and its various recommendations duly noticed.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends,
Dear Friends.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport, R.I. 8th mo 6th 1896, that meeting concluded to raise the sum of Seven hundred (700) Dollars to supply its treasury, and the several Monthly Meetings were directed to pay to Robert P. Gifford, its treasurer their respective quotas of that sum on or before the first of 5th mo. 1897.
The quota of Providence Mo. Meeting is $196 - 28 percent.

By minute from the clerk of the Yearly Meeting held in Newport, R.I. in 6th mo last. Monthly Meetings were specially requested to call attention to the following minutes of that meeting

Viz. Minute No 15. Educational Report
" " 27 Plan for Christian giving.
" " 35 Elders from other Yearly Meetings.

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From the Minutes of the aforesaid Quarterly Meeting held unitedly

Samuel R. Buffinton, Clerk

(P.S.) Statistical blanks for the use of the Monthly Meeting, to be forwarded to the Qr. Meeting in 8th mo 1897 also accompanies the above information.

It appears from the foregoing communication that our quota of Quarterly Meeting Stock, for the ensuing year is $196. which is referred to our committee on finance.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

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At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo. 26. 1896

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence, Elizabeth Seton, Elizabeth A. Gifford, and Samuel Austin: From Saylesville Eliza J. Higgins, Anna A. Meader and John H. Meader who are present.

We appoint [illegible] Gifford, S. Corinne Tobey, Hannah S. Lovell, Louisa S. Mulley and John H. Meader a committee to nominate officers of society for the ensuing year and report at our next meeting.

We have received at this time our quota of the London General Epistle for 1896 for distribution and we recommend that it be read at the close of a First day morning meeting in each of our Preparative Meetings.

Our aged friend, Charles C. [illegible] returned at this time the minute granted him and his wife in the [illegible] last liberating him for religious service within the limits of Baltimore and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings, and expressed the satisfaction he had felt in the discharge of the duties that had opened before him.

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All of which is satisfactory to us

Our dear friend, Charles C. Varney a minister of the gospel in unity with us, informs us of a [illegible] for a [illegible] [illegible] of religious service within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

After due deliberation this meeting unites with his concern, and encourages him in the performance of his contemplated duty.

As our dear friend Anna C. Varney desires to accompany her husband, Chas. C. Varney in his proposed service, this is to certify that she is a member in good esteem with us and has our full unity in the work as above outlined.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Tenth Month, 1896

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held Tenth Month, 31st 1896.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to the one from Providence are J. [illegible] Battey, [illegible] Battey, Robert P. Gifford and [illegible] [illegible]. From Saylesville Archibald G. Congdon, Joseph H. Atwater, John H. Meader and Ellen M. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The Queries have all been read and considered in this meeting and we appoint M. Augusta Battey, Robert P. Gifford, Louisa N. Meader, Joseph H. Atwater, Ellen M. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Elizabeth A. Gifford, Archibald G. Congdon representatives to the Quarterly Meeting to be held at [illegible] [illegible].

The following report from the auditors and treasurer was received and accepted.

Providence 10 mo 30, 1896.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The treasurer's account have been examined and the following balances found correct.

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To credit of envelope account	$ 10.50
To credit of Burying Ground Account	[illegible]
To credit of Deborah Gould's account	7.11
" credit of School Fund account	13.65
Total	$254.39

Balance due Meeting House repair same as last year	$31.84	
Balance due for meeting expenses last year	214.24	
Balance the amount in fund same	3.65	
Cash in Bank	4.66	$254.39

Robert [illegible] [illegible]
for the Auditors.

The offerings received and forwarded to the Treasurers of the Yearly Meetings Committees have been as follow

For Gospel Work	$8.00
For [illegible] Indians	17.00
" Freedmen	41.00
" Bible School work	6.00
" Temperance	15.00
" Education	3.00
" Peace	5.50
" Foreign Missions	92.00
	$ 187.50

Robert P. Gifford
Treasurer.

The committee on nominations brought in the following list of Friends for officers of Society which is accepted and those named are hereby appointed to their respective stations for one year or until further appointment.

Overseers of Society.

Robert B. Howland	Sarah J. [illegible]
Thomas J. Battey	Hannah J. Ladd
Nicholas Meader	Louisa J. Meader
[illegible] G. Renfrew	Anna A. Meader
	M. Augusta Battey.

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Overseers of the Poor

Robert P. Gifford Elizabeth [illegible]
Louisa N. Meader Ellen M. Atwater
Mary S. Glasse

Clerks

[illegible]

Thomas J. Battey Elizabeth A. Gifford.

Treasurer

Robert P. Gifford.

Auditors

Robert B. Hanson Charles [illegible].

Recorder

Samuel Austin.

Recorders of Births and Deaths.

Thomas J. Battey Joseph H. Atwater.

Caretakers of Meeting Houses, Funerals, & Burial Grounds

Providence & Scituate { Samuel Austin Robert B. Hanson
Robert P. Gifford Walter S. Meader
Saylesville ~~Smithfield~~ & Cumberland { John H. Meader Valentine Meader
Joseph H. Atwater Henry [illegible]

Finance Committee

Susan Peckham Louisa N. Meader
Robert P. Gifford Wm R. Sills
Elizabeth C. Chapin Robert [illegible]

We have received through Saylesville Preparative Meeting a request for membership from Frederick C. Cutler. Therefore we appoint Thomas J. Battey, Susan Peckham, Archibald G. Renfrew and Thomas G. [illegible] to confer with him on the subject and report their judgment to our next meeting.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Eleventh Month, 1896.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11 mo 25, 1896.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence [illegible] Battey, S. Caroline Tobey, and Samuel Austin; from Saylesville Wm R. Sills, Valentine Meader, and Anna L. Meader, who are all present except one.

Eleventh Month, 1896

The representatives to the Quarterly meeting reported that they attended except two.

The committee appointed to consider the request of Frederick C. Eaton for membership, made the following report, to wit:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends

We your committee to visit Frederick C. Eaton respecting his request for membership would report that we have had an interview with him and believe him sincere in his convincement of Friends Principles and in his desire to receive such help and sympathy as membership in our Society would confer.
We therefore recommend that his request be granted.

On behalf of the Committee
Thomas J. Battey.

Prov. 11 mo. 2[illegible], 1896.

which after due consideration, was accepted, and Frederick C. Eaton is hereby admitted to membership in the Society of Friends of Providence Monthly Meeting.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Twelfth Month 1896.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held [illegible] 12 mo. 1896.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to the [illegible] Quarterly Meeting are Thomas Peckham, Edith S. Batty, [illegible] E. [illegible] [illegible] Renfrew, Joseph H. Atwater, Ellen M. Atwater; who are [illegible] [illegible].

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Supplementary Minute to Records for 12th mo [illegible]

At the reading of the records for 12 mo [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it was decided that following [illegible] [illegible] appended [illegible] the records of the last meeting, and a copy of it forwarded to the [illegible] of our late [illegible] [illegible].

We have been saddened [illegible] [illegible] the session of our Monthly Meeting for worship today by a [illegible] announcing the death this morning [illegible] [illegible] C. Varney, lately released by this meeting for religious service in Philadelphia.

Our hearts have been united in sympathy for his bereaved family [illegible] [illegible] do it with [illegible]

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

First Month, 1897.

At [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends [illegible] 30, 1897:

By the reports [illegible] appears that [illegible] Elizabeth A. [illegible] Meader Joseph H. Atwater, and Archibald T. [illegible] who are present except one.

[illegible] in this meeting, and we appoint Hannah [illegible] Ellen M. Atwater, Joseph H. Atwater, [illegible] Jones, Walter S. Meader, Robert P. Gifford, [illegible] Tetlow and Thomas J. Battey, representatives to the Quarterly Meeting about to be held at [illegible]. They are requested to meet with the [illegible] representatives for nominating meeting [illegible] at the meeting house in Providence [illegible] 10 o'clock on the morning of the [illegible]

A communication from the Preparative Meeting [illegible] Caroline Tobey, Asenath [illegible], Elizabeth [illegible] Ellen M. Atwater and Elizabeth A. Gifford.

[illegible]

[illegible]

persons of the Quarterly Meeting.

We have at this time accepted the following removal certificate from Vassalboro Mo. Meeting [illegible] Alfred H. Taber [illegible] family, [illegible] Batty and [illegible] Batty are appointed to inform them of their [illegible]

To Providence Mo. Meeting.

Dear Friends

Alfred H. Taber, and his wife Abbie M. Taber, having removed to reside within your limits, request our certificate for themselves and minor children, Jessie Maud Taber, Howard Alfred Taber, and Norman Stephen Taber.

This may certify that they are members of this meeting [illegible]. They have settled their pecuniary affairs to satisfaction so far as appears. We commend them to your Christian care and are your friends.

From the minutes of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Vassalboro, 11th mo 17th 1896.

Edward [illegible] Clerk

[illegible]

Clerk.

Second Month, 1897.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2 mo. 27, 1897.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence, S. Caroline Tobey and Robert S. Gifford. From Saylesville, Eliza J. [illegible], William R. Fitts, and Anna A. Meader, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report their attendance.

The Committee to make provision for the Quarterly Meeting report a total outlay of ($41.05) Forty one Dollars and five cents which less ($5.75) Five and 75/100 Dollars donation leaves a balance of $35.30, Thirty five & 30/100 Dollars, which is satisfactory to this meeting, and they are hereby authorized to draw on our treasurer for said balance.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Third Month, 1897.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo 27, 1897.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence, Mary [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Tobey, and Robert S. Gifford, from Saylesville, Anna A. Meader, Valentine Meader, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who are present.

We appoint Robert S. Gifford and Thomas J. Battey a committee to prepare the summary of statistics for the Quarterly Meeting, [illegible] report [illegible]

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

Fourth Month 1897.

At Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends held 4th mo. 24, 1897.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence, Sarah J. Hanson, Elizabeth C. Gifford, and Robert P. Gifford.

From Saylesville, Joseph H. Atwater, Maggie Montgomery, and John H. Meader, who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

The Queries have all been read with answers from each of our Preparative Meetings, from which a summary has been prepared which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at East Greenwich by our friends Hannah P. Ladd, Elizabeth C. Cooper, Sarah J. Hanson, Thomas J. Battey, Robert P. Gifford, Louisa N. Meader, and Robert B. Hanson, whom we appoint our representatives.

They are requested to meet at the meeting house in East Greenwich at 10 o'clock on the morning of the Q. Meeting.

The Committee on Statistics presented the following report which is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to forward a summary of it to the Quarterly Meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting:
Dear Friends,

The Committee on Statistics report as follows.—

Number of members last year - - - 227
Received by certificate - - - 7
viz. Edith [illegible] Battey,
Elizabeth [illegible], Alfred G. Taber,
his wife Bertha M. Taber, and
their minor children {Jessie Mary, Herman Alfred, Norman Stephen} Taber

Admitted by request - 2
viz. Emma D. [illegible]
Frederick C. [illegible]

Fourth Month, 1897.

Births - - - - - - - - - - - - 3 12

viz. James, son of William & Mary [illegible]

[illegible], son of [illegible], [illegible]

Margaret Sidney, daughter of Walter S.

and Lucy H. [illegible]

Total - - - - - - - 239

From which deduct as follows:

Resigned, 1

viz. Alice W. [illegible] (formerly Holmes)

Deceased 5

viz. Charles L. [illegible], a minister

died 12 mo. 26, 1896 in his 54th year.

Samuel Austin, Anna Mitchel,

Elizabeth M. [illegible], [illegible]

Error in last years report 1 7

Present Membership [illegible]

Education

Number of members from 4-21 years of age --- 37

" " " " 12-21 " " [illegible]

" " " attending School by friends 25

" " " " [illegible] 1

" between 12 & 21 " " " " " [illegible]

" Attending College 2

Respectfully submitted

Robert P. Gifford

Thomas J. B[illegible]

Our treasurer is directed to pay the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our quota of the amount called for for the year ending [illegible] 1897.

A communication from the [illegible] of [illegible] Preparative Meeting informs us that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] formerly [illegible] Elizabeth Seton, & Wilhelmina Seton, which being duly considered the meeting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Samuel J. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

It is decided to [illegible] the holding of the [illegible] Meeting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] 12 Month, 1892
of [illegible] Quarterly Meeting
Thomas J Battey,
Clerk.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1.

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. The attendance on First day morning has been generally good. Other meetings small. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Ans. 2.

With some exceptions in our body, love and unity appear to be maintained and detraction [illegible] [illegible]. Endeavors have been used to heal differences.

Ans. 3.

Friends appear generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train up their children in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans. 4

With little exception our Friends frequently read the holy Scriptures [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in their families, encouraging [illegible] children [illegible] [illegible] in their daily [illegible]. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is [illegible] [illegible].

Ans. 5 No violation of our testimony in the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or in the attendance of places of amusement inconsistent with a christian character has come to our knowledge. Friends endeavor to observe moderation in all things.

Ans. 6 [illegible]

We know of no violation of our discipline in the matter of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] or defrauding the public revenue.

Ans. 7

Friends generally inspect their affairs once a year and settle their accounts. They appear to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live

Fourth Mo. [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]

Ans. 9

[illegible]

Efforts have been made to [illegible]

Fifth Mo. [illegible]

At [illegible] Monthly Meeting of [illegible] held [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from [illegible] J. Hanson, S. Caroline Lobey, and [illegible]; and from Saylesville, Valentine [illegible]

[illegible]

to hold our Monthly Meeting for worship [illegible] in Providence at 3-30 P.M. on the same day in each month was united with.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Taken from the minutes [illegible] Greenwich Monthly Meeting held [illegible] in joint session 3rd mo 19th 1897.

[illegible]

[illegible] turned [illegible] application [illegible] signature.

Resolution [illegible] minutes of the [illegible] Monthly [illegible]

The reports [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sixth Month 1877.

At [illegible] Monthly Meeting of [illegible] [illegible] 6th [illegible] 1877.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are [illegible] Robert B. Hanson and Susan [illegible] of Saylesville, John A. Meader, Anna A. [illegible] and Archibald G. Kenyon, who are [illegible] [illegible]it.

The request for membership [illegible]

[illegible]

To Providence Monthly Meeting [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] society

[illegible] your friend
W[illegible] Lincoln Bates
Providence 20th of 5th mo. 1877

[illegible] we [illegible] David K. [illegible] [illegible] Dudley, Susan [illegible] Hanson, [illegible] P. Ladd and M. Augusta Bates a committee to have an interview with the applicant and report their judgment in the case [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Our dear friend, David [illegible] in company with his wife Emma, [illegible] an elder, attended this meeting [illegible] minister [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] services have been acceptable [illegible] and the clerk is authorized to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

[illegible] received at this time, viz.

Saylesville, R. I. 6-16-1897.
To the Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends.

[illegible] to be married according to the usages of Friends on Wednesday evening, July 14, 1897, at Friends Meeting House, Saylesville

Signed Frederick [illegible]
Maggie [illegible]

Whereupon are appointed [illegible] Battey, [illegible] and Susan [illegible], to [illegible] the proposed marriage, and report to the adjourned [illegible] Providence Monthly Meeting, to [illegible] at the Friends Meeting House in Saylesville at [illegible] o'clock P. M. 7mo 14, 1897

Valentine Meader on behalf of the [illegible]

[illegible] Saylesville, reported that he had received the sum of Three Hundred & Fifty Dollars ($3[illegible] [illegible], which this meeting accepts under the conditions [illegible] in the following [illegible]

[illegible] the care of the above-mentioned Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($350) [illegible]

[illegible] Friends [illegible] 6

[illegible]

[illegible] Month, [illegible]

appointment of monthly meeting [illegible]
year 1878, when three trustees shall be
appointed in the same manner in other
[illegible] Monthly Meeting, and thereafter
annually in like manner, but with the
understanding that Valentine E. [illegible] is to
be one of the trustees during his lifetime
[illegible]
members of Providence Preparative Meeting
of Friends — said trustees or their successors in
office [illegible]
by donation, bequest or otherwise in money, in
conformity with our Discipline, or made [illegible]
able to the said fund, which fund
shall be held in trust for the
uses and purposes hereinafter specified, viz.
First the income thereof or such portion
of it as may be needful to be annually
expended by the trustees to exercise perpetual
care of and keep in proper repair and
condition the burial ground or cemetery of
the Society of Friends at [illegible] in the
town of Lincoln R.I. it being the intention
of the donors of said fund that [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
other things done respecting said yard as the said
meeting shall from time to time deem
needful, to the extent of the income of said fund.

[illegible]

Adjourned to meet at the Friends Meeting
House at [illegible] Town of Lincoln R.I. [illegible]
at 9 o'c. A.M. [illegible]

Clerk.

Seventh Month 1897 (Adjourned Meeting)
[illegible]
by adjournment at Saylesville, R. I. 7 mo 14, 1897.

The committee appointed at our last meeting on the request of Frederick C. Eaton
[illegible]
have made the necessary inquiries in the
[illegible]
marriage as proposed, he having the consent
[illegible]
leave them at liberty to accomplish
[illegible]
our Discipline, and appoint Thomas J. Battey, M. Augusta Battey, Susan Peckham
[illegible]
to extend the necessary care in the case, present the certificate for record and report to our next Mo. Meeting.

At the request of the parties we appoint a meeting for the solemnization of the marriage in this meeting house in Saylesville at 4-30 P. M. today following the present business session of this meeting.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time in Providence.

Thomas J. Battey, Clerk.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7 mo 31, 1897

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are for Providence, Deborah W. Gifford Susan Peckham and Thomas J. Battey, - From Saylesville - John H. Meader, Valentine E. Meader and Anna A. Meader who are present except three, for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason was assigned.

The queries have all been read and considered in this meeting and we appoint Sarah J. J. Hanson M. Augusta Battey, Elizabeth Seton, Robert P. Gifford & Thomas J. Battey representatives to the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Newport.

Seventh Month, 97

The following report was received and accepted and the committee released.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends,
Dear Friends,

We your committee appointed to attend the marriage of Frederick C. Eaton and Maggie Montgomery, report that the marriage was conducted in an orderly manner, and the certificate deposited for record

Thomas J. Battey } For the
M. Augusta Battey } Committee.

Providence 7 mo 31 1897.

The committee on the application of Wm L. Bates not being ready to report are continued.

This meeting having lost all trace of John Palmer, it is concluded with the advice of the overseers to drop his name from our list of membership.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

Eighth Month, 1897.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 28, 1897.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are for Providence, Elizabeth C. Capron, Elizabeth Seton, and Robert P. Gifford [illegible] [illegible] Atwater, and Freelove H. Briggs, who are present except two.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting, report that they attended.

Eli G. Parker, a minister of the gospel duly accredited by Lynn Grove Quarterly Meeting of Friends Iowa, acceptably attended this meeting, and the clerk is authorized to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

We have accepted at this time the following removal certificate from Oskaloosa Monthly Meeting of Friends, Iowa, in favor of Arthur B. Farr and the clerk is directe[illegible] [illegible] case.

To [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends [illegible]

Dear Friends,

Arthur B. Farr [illegible] of this meeting [illegible] [illegible] Farr, [illegible] his right of membership be transferr[illegible] you.

[illegible] commend him to your christian care and oversight

Signed on behalf of Oskaloosa Monthly Meeting of [illegible] held at Oskaloosa, Iowa, on the 7th day of [illegible] 1897

Cyrus Beede
Martha H. Farr } Clerks.

[illegible]

Correspondence.

The following communication received from the [illegible] of the Quarterly Meeting [illegible] referred to the finance Committee. (see margin) Statistical blanks also accompany this pap[illegible]

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk.

To Providence Monthly [illegible]
Dear Friends

[illegible]

Providence [illegible] $175.
28 [illegible]

[illegible]

Thomas J. Battey Clerk

Sixth Month 1st

At Friends Monthly Meeting of Friends held [illegible]

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from [illegible], [illegible] Augustus [illegible] Elizabeth C. Coffin, [illegible] Robert [illegible] Coffin. [illegible] [illegible] C. Meader [illegible] [illegible] Coffin and [illegible] Briggs who are present except one.

We appoint Ellen C. Coffin, [illegible] [illegible] Robert [illegible] Coffin and [illegible] C. Meader to examine the treasurer's accounts for the ensuing year and report [illegible] next meeting.

[illegible]

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At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th Mo. 30th 1897

It appears by the accounts from our Preparative Meetings that the representatives to this are, from Providence Elizabeth A Gifford and James G. Seton from Saylesville John H. Meader, Valentine E. Meader and Anna A Meader who are all present.

The following report from the Treasurer and auditors was read and accepted

Providence 10th Mo. 28" 1897

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
The accounts at this date show balances as follows

Meeting Expenditures		755.36
Deficit last year		227.89
		983.25
Receipts for this year		772.53
Present Deficit		210.72
Cash in Bank		52.71
To Credit of Envelope account	49.00	
" " Burying Ground Fund	139.75	
" " Deborah Jencks Account	2.11	
" " School Fund	72.57	
	263.43	263.43

Robert P. Gifford
Treasurer

Examined and found correct with proper vouchers.

Charles Sisson, for the auditors

The committee appointed to nominate officers of society for the ensueing year brought in the following list of Friends which is satisfactory, and these Friends are hereby appointed to their respective stations for one year or until another appointment.

Overseers of Society

Robert B. Hanson
Thomas O. Battey
James G. Seton
Valentine E. Meader
Archbald J. Renfrew
Thomas Y. Jackson

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Overseers Continued -

Sarah J. Hanson   Louiza N Meader
Hannah P. Ladd   Anna A. Meader
M. Augusta Battey

Officers of Society

For Overseers of Poor
Robert P. Gifford   Elizabeth A. Gifford
Louisa N Meader   Abby A. Smith
Mary S Glasse

For Clerks
Walter S. Meader   Elizabeth A. Gifford

For Treasurer
Robert P. Gifford

For Auditors
Robert B. Hanson, Charles Sisson

For Recorder
Charles H. Battey

For Reporters of Births & Deaths
Thomas J. Battey, Thomas C. Jackson

For Caretakers of Meeting Houses Funerals etc
Providence & Scituate Robert P. Gifford, Robert B. Hanson
Saylesville & Cumberland Valentine E. Meader, Henry Metcalf

For Finance Committee
Susan Peckham   Louiza M. Meader
Elizabeth C. Capron   William R Fitts
Robert P. Gifford   Robert McFarlane

For Correspondent
Thomas J. Battey

By direction of the Committee
Ellen K. Buffum

The Queries have been read and considered in this meeting and we appoint Ellen K. Buffum, Hannah P. Ladd, Augustine Jones, Charles B Inman James G. Seton Thomas B. Mitchell, & Sarah J Hanson as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Fall River.

The following request for membership from Annie M Spaulding came from Saylesville Meeting, and we appoint Hannah P. Ladd and M. Augusta Battey to confer with her and report to our next meeting

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Application for Membership

Annie M. Spaulding

Lonsdale R.I. 9th Mo 1897

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

Believing as I do in the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior and Redeemer and having attended the Saylesville friends Meetings for a length of time, as also the Bible School & Meetings of Christian Endeavor and believing that a closer union with your society would be helpful to me in my Christian life. I do hereby request to become a member

Annie M. Spaulding

Joseph H. And Ellen M. Atwater requested a removal certificate to Greenwich Monthly Meeting. Thomas J. Battey and Sarah J. Hanson are appointed to prepare and present a certificate to our next Meeting

Walter S. Meader
Clerk

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At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo. 27th 1897

By the accounts from our Preparative meetings it appears that the representatives to this are, from Providence Deborah W. Gifford, Robert P. Gifford and Robert B Hanson, from Saylesville John H. Meader Jane E. Walker and Eliza C. Higgins who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that they attended except one.

The committee on the application of Annie M. Spaulding have been prevented by illness from attending to their appointment and are continued another month

The committee appointed to consider the request of Joseph H. and Ellen M. Atwater for a removal certificate, presented the following which was satisfactory to the meeting & the Clerks are requested to sign the same.

To Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends,—

Joseph H. Atwater a recorded minister of the Gospel, and Ellen M. Atwater his wife having removed to reside within your limits request our certificate of removal.

Upon inquiry made relating to outward affairs nothing appears to prevent the granting of their request.

We commend them to your Christian care and oversight and are your friends
Signed by direction of the meeting
Walter C. Meader } Clerks
Elizabeth A. Gifford }

The committee on the application of William L. Bates presented the following report which was
To Providence Mo Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends,

We your committee on the application of Wm L. Bates for membership report—

Wm L. Bates Readmitted

Although we have had an interview with him and have held the matter under advisement for some time, we still feel a hesitation in making a definite recommendation to the Monthly Meeting.

We are united however in advising the calm and full consideration of the case in the open meeting and the adoption of such a decision as the sense of the meeting seems to dictate.

For the committee
Thomas J. Bailey
Robert B. Hanson

Which was accepted and after due consideration it seemed to be the sense of the meeting that he be received and the clerk instructed to inform the applicant of this decision.

The following application for transferring the membership of Bertie and Hazel Hislop to our meeting was granted and they are

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received as members with us.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Providence R. I.

Bertie and Hazel Hislop Received.

Bertie Hislop aged 10 and Hazel Hislop aged 12 members of Amity Hall Monthly Meeting, Jamaica, W. I. have removed within the limits of your monthly meeting for the purpose of enjoying the privilege of a guarded education among friends at Friends School at Providence R. I. As they are so far removed from home, their parents Stephen Henry Hislop and Carrie Alexandriana Hislop, members of this Monthly Meeting desire that their membership be transferred to your Monthly Meeting.

These two children being of orderly life and conversation and having no outward affairs needing attention we hereby transfer their membership to you commending them as dear lambs of Christs flock to your tender love and care.

Signed for and on behalf of Amity Hall Monthly Meeting this 6th day of the 11th Mo. 1897

Arthur H Swift, Clerk

We have received at this time our quota of the London General Epistle 1897 for distribution & we recommend that it be read at the close of some First day morning meeting in each of our Preparatife Meetings

Walter S. Meader, Clerk

Twelfth Month 1897

At Providence Monthly meeting of Friends held 12th Mo 25th 1897 By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are: From Prov. Sarah J. Hanson, Elizabeth C. Capron & Robert B. Hanson. From Saylesville Archibald J. Renfrew, Herbert H. Briggs, Louisa N. Meader who are present except one

Twelfth Month 1897

The committee appointed for care of meetings at Scituate and Cumberland make the following report which is satisfactory to Friends.

Prov. 12th Mo 25 1897

To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed for this year's care in holding Meetings at Cumberland & Scituate would report that way did not appear favorable to the holding of but one meeting and that at Cumberland the last first day of 7th Mo. The attendance at that meeting was large and the worship bore evidence of the presence of our Divine Master in his Ministry of Love to needy souls.

On behalf of the Committee.
Robert P. Gifford

Annie M. Spaulding Admitted to Membership.

The Committee to confer with Annie M. Spaulding regarding her application for Membership report as follows

12th Mo 25th 1897

To Prov. Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We have conferred with Anna Spaulding in reference to her request for membership in the society of Friends and believe that she is sincere in this desire, that thereby she may be better enabled to advance in her Christian life & "to adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things" She has read our book of discipline and is in accord with the 'distinguishing views' of Friends regarding the 'ordinances'. We recommend the meeting grant her request.

On behalf of the Committee
Hannah P. Ladd

This report is acceptable to the meeting and in accordance with its recommendation we hereby admit Annie M. Spaulding to Membership in the Society of Friends.

Twelfth Month 1897

At the recomendation of our Treasurer the following authority was given him.

Our Treasurer is hereby authorized to make such a contract with the North Burial Ground Corporation as will secure perpetual care of our Burial ground either by the payment of a yearly sum not exceeding One hundred twenty five dollars, or by getting our burial Fund increased to the required Three thousand dollars for a deposit with the City of Providence or its Commissioners having charge of the North Burial Ground

Walter S. Meader Clerk

First Month 1898

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo. 29th 1898

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence Elizabeth A. Gifford Robert B. Hanson and William P. Bates From Saylesville Eliza J. Higgins Anna Spaulding Anna A. Meader and Thomas Y. Jackson who are present except two for the absence of one of whom an Excuse was given.

The Queries have all been read and considered in this meeting and we appoint Mary H. Sutton Louisa N. Meader Hannah P. Ladd Valentine E. Meader, Thomas J. Battey and Walter S. Meader our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Providence. They are requested to meet with the other representatives for nominating Quarterly Meeting Clerks at the meeting house at ½ o'clock on morning of Quarterly Meeting.

We appoint Elizabeth Seton Elizabeth A. Gifford Mary S. Glass Robert P. Gifford Wm P. Bates

First Month 1898

is committee to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting & report the expense next month.

Mary H. Sutton's Removal Certificate

We have accepted at this time the transfer of membership of Mary H. Sutton from Marlborough Monthly Meeting to this. Following is her Certificate of Membership.

To Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends: Mary H. Sutton, a member of this meeting having settled within your limits, no obstruction appears to prevent the transfer of her membership. Therefore we recommend her to you and are, in love, your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Marlborough Monthly Meeting held at Clintondale N.Y., the 27th of Eleventh Mo. 1897 John W. and Mary [illegible] Weaver - Clerks
George H Hallock Jr Correspondent

Walter S. Meader, Clerk

Second Month 1898

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd Mo. 26 1898

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are: from Providence Elizabeth Seton, Mary S. Hasse and Robert P. Gifford; From Saylesville No preparative Meeting on account of inclement weather. The representatives are present except one for whom excuse was given.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except two for whom sufficient excuse was given.

The Committee to make provision for the Quarterly Meeting report a total outlay of $38.46
which less the amount donated 10.00
leaves a balance of 28.46
Twenty eight dollars and forty six cents due the committee, which is satisfactory to this

meeting and the treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the same

The following request was forwarded by the overseers of Saylesville Preparative meeting — Saylesville R.I. Feb. 15 - 1898

To the Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends Dear Friends

Margaret A Mc-Creadie Request

Believing as I do in the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior and redeemer and having attended the Saylesville Friends meeting for a length of time, and also the bible class and school & meetings of Christian Endeavor and believing that a closer union with your society would be helpful to me in my Christian Life I do hereby request to become a member

Margaret A McCreadie

and we appoint Mary H Sutton and M. Augusta Battey a committee to visit her in regard to her request, & report to a future meeting

Walter S. Meader, Clerk

Third Month 1898

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd Mo. 26th 1898.

Our Preparative meetings report the following friends as representatives to this namely from Providence M. Augusta Battey, C. Caroline Tobey and Wm P. Bates from Saylesville, John H. Meader Anna A. Meader and Louisa N. Meader

M. A. Mc-Creadie admitted

The committee appointed to visit Margaret A. McCreadie in regard to her request for membership reported favorable on the same and recommended her admission, which is acceptable to this meeting & she is hereby admitted to membership with us

The following request for membership has been received from Saylesville Preparative Meeting

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends Having for a long time

Richard Thompson Request

been an attender of this meeting and after a careful study of your discipline, believing its doctrines and usages as founded on the Scriptures, I believe it would be right for me to request your Christian care and oversight in order to become a member of your religious society, If in your judgment you deem me worthy

Respectfully submitted Richard Thompson

and we appoint Robert P. Gifford and Augustine Jones a committee to confer with him in regard to his request & report to a future Meeting

We have accepted at this time the following removal certificates from Boston & from Scipio Monthly Meetings in favor of Charles R Jacob and his wife Hattie E. Jacob and the Clerk is instructed to inform them of their acceptance into membership in our Monthly Meeting

Removal Certificate Charles R Jacob

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Charles R Jacob living within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate. This is to certify that he is a member of this meeting, & that his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears We commend him to your Christian care and are your friends

Signed by direction of Boston Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo. 12th 1897

Lindsey S. Jones Clerk
Olney I. Meader Correspondent

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Providence Rhode Island — Greeting —

Hattie E. Jacob

This may certify that Hattie E. Jacob is a member of Scipio Monthly Meeting of Friends (Orthodox) and requests our certificate of removal addressed to you Her earnest Christian life endeared her to the friends of this meeting and we affectionately commend her to your Christian care & fellowship When informed of her reception by you, her membership with us will cease,

Third Month 1898

In the love of Christ we are your friends
Signed by direction of Scipio Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo 17th 1897

Isaac P. Hagard clerk
Isaac McKeel Correspondent

We appoint Thomas J. Battey and Hannah P. Ladd a committee to prepare the usual summary of statistics for the Quarterly Meeting and report next month.

Walter S. Meader, Clerk.

Fourth Month 1898

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Month 30th 1898

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are From Providence Susan Peckham Mary S. Glass and Robert B. Hanson From Saylesville John H. Meader Freeborn H. Briggs & James Renfrew who are present except two. The Committee appointed to confer with Richard Thompson, presented the following Report—

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Richard Thompson admitted

One of your committee appointed last month to visit Richard Thompson, has had two satisfactory interviews with him, the last one being at his home & with his family of Wife & children. The religious interest with them evidences sincere love for Christ. And we think the husband & father fully convinced of the Christian Principles held by Friends and worthy of Membership with us

Prov. 4th Mo. 27th 1898

Robert P. Gifford
Augustine Jones } Committee

Which is satisfactory to this meeting and Richard Thompson is hereby admitted to membership with us. The clerk is requested to inform him of our action.

Charles R. and Hattie E. Jacob request that their minor son Francis H. Peck be recorded as a member of this Monthly meeting. The Monthly Meeting unites in granting their request.

The Queries have all been read with answers from each of our Preparative meetings, from which a Summary has been prepared which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Ellen K. Buffum Sarah J. Hanson Thomas J. Battey, Robert P. Gifford, Louisa N. Meader and Robert B Hanson whom we appoint our Representatives. They are requested to meet at the meeting house East Greenwich at 9 o'clock on the morning of Quarterly Meeting.

The committee on Statistics Report as follows To Prov. Monthly Meeting -
Dear Friends

Number of members reported last year 232
Received by certificate as follows
Willis H. and Emily S. White with their minor children Mary H. Charles H. Louisa & Edward R. White
Arthur B. Farr Albert & Hazel Hislop and Mary H. Sutton 10
admitted by Request Wm J. Bates and Anna Spaulding 2
Births Richard F. Battey and Robert Cobain 2
246
From which deduct as follows
Released Miriam Earle Hanna Earle Jessie Seton Darling, Wilhelmina Seton Elizabeth Seton 5
Dropped John Palmer 1
Removed Hence Joseph H. and Ellen N. Atwater 2
Deceased Huldah M Beede a minister died 11-16-1897, Elizabeth Cobb Anna Ferguson Hester Ann Mason Thomas R Parker Elizabeth J. Aldrich 6
14
Present Membership 232

No Children between 4 and 12 18
" Between 12 " 21 24
" Attending School 35
" " " Taught or controlled by Friends 11
" Between 12 & 21 " " " " " " " 7
" Attending College 3
" " " " " 1
On behalf of Committee Thomas J. Battey

Fourth Month 1898

which is satisfactory & the clerk is requested to forward a summary of it to the Quarterly Meeting

Mary H. Sutton appointed an Elder

The Preparative Meeting of Ministry & Oversight proposed the name of Mary H. Sutton for the station of Elder which is approved by this meeting & forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting.

It is decided subject to the approval of the Quarterly Meeting to hold the Monthly Meeting for the ensuing year at Taylorsville in the 6th 7th and 8th Mos and at Providence for the rest of the year, the last Seventh day of each month at 3.30 P.M.

Answers to Queries

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except one Preparative Meeting omitted on account of inclement weather. First day morning meetings well attended but the other meetings are small. The hour nearly observed.

2nd Love & unity are maintained and detraction guarded against. No differences have arisen amongst us.

3rd Most of our members are careful to maintain a religious life & conversation, & those having children under their care endeavor to train them up in accordance with our Christian profession

4th While many Friends are diligent in the daily reading of the holy scriptures, and encourage their children and others therein, we fear some are too remiss in this important duty. Clear in our testimony a free gospel ministry.

5 We know of no Friends who use intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Mostly Careful to avoid amusements & diversions inconsistent with a Christian character and to observe true moderation in all things.

6. The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and care is taken for the education of children.

7. We know of no violation of our discipline in the matter of oaths, doing military service or defrauding the public revenue.

8th Friends frequently inspect their affairs & settle their accounts. They appear to be punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Fourth Month 1898

9th Recording is attended to. Some removals without certificates which are under notice.

10th Efforts have been made to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially.

Walter S. Meader Clerk

P.S. Our treasurer informs us that he has paid to the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our Quota of Stock for the year ending 5th Mo 1st 1898

W. S. M. Clerk

Fifth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Mo 28th 1898

Our Preparative Meetings report the following representatives to this

From Providence Susan Peckham S. Caroline Tobey Wm L. Bates, From Saylesville John H. Meader Eliza Higgins and Valentine E. Meader, who are present except one.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one.

The Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting informs us that they unite with our proposal to hold our Monthly Meeting at Saylesville in the 6th 7th and 8th Months and at Providence for the rest of the year at same day & hour as at present.

A portion of the "General Advices" was read and considered in this meeting

Adjourned to meet in Saylesville in the 6th Month. Walter S. Meader Clerk

Sixth Month. 1898.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 6th mo 25. 1898.

The clerk being absent Thomas J. Battey was appointed clerk for the day.

Our Preparative Meetings report the following representatives to this, viz.

from Providence Sarah J. Hanson, Susan Peckham, Robert B. Hanson.

from Saylesville. John H. Meader, E. Herbert Briggs, [illegible] who are all present

After reading a portion of the General Advices from our Book of Discipline, and the corresponding Secretarys report of our Womens Foreign Missionary Society, the meeting adjourned.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk for the day

Seventh Month. 1898.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 7 mo 30, 1898.

The clerk being absent Thomas J. Battey was appointed clerk for the day.

Our Preparative Meetings report the following representatives to this. viz.

from Providence, Elizabeth A. Gifford. Sarah J. Hanson, and William A. Battey.
from Saylesville, John H. Meader & Eliza J. Higgins who are all present.

The queries have all been read and considered in this meeting, and we appoint Louisa A. Meader M. Augusta Battey, Robert B. Hanson, E. Herbert Briggs, Freelove H. Briggs, Sarah J. Hanson and Wm L. Bates to attend the approaching Quarterly Meeting at Newport as our representatives.

We have received at this time our quota of the printed Minutes of our Late Yearly Meeting and other documents for distribution.

The Report of the Corresponding Secretary

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Providence

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Seventh Month 1898.

of our Womens Foreign Missionary society was read in this meeting, giving an instructive and encouraging review of the work accomplished during the past year.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk for the day

Eighth Month 1898

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville (8th mo 27th 1898
The Clerk being absent Robt P. Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day.
Our Preparative Meetings report the following Representatives to this viz - from Providence Sarah J. Hanson Susan Peckham and Robt P. Gifford - from Saylesville E. Herbert Briggs Thomas Walker Valentine E Meader and Sadie F. Fitts. who are present except one.
The Representatives appointed last Month to attend the Quarterly Meeting (their names being Called) report they all attended.
The following Communication from the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting was read, Calling for our Quota ($147.00) to be paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting as advised therein and the same is referred to our Committee on finance. The blank for Statistics to be used next year was also received.
(See slip here attached at Margin)

Minute No 49 of the Yearly Meeting's Printed Minutes for this Year was read and Considered

Robt P. Gifford
Clerk for the day

Ninth Month 1878

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo. [illegible] 1878

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are
from Providence — M. Augusta Battey
Elizabeth Eaton [illegible] Harris
From Saylesville — Thomas H. Jackson
[illegible] Meader [illegible]
who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason is given

We appoint T. J. Battey Elbert K. [illegible] Peckham [illegible] Jacob [illegible] Briggs a committee to nominate officers of meeting for the ensuing year & report at our next meeting.

[illegible]

A request for membership was received from John Eaton of Saylesville and we appoint Thomas J. Battey, Robert [illegible] and Thomas H. Jackson a committee to confer with him in regard to the same & report to our next Meeting

Walter S. Meader Clerk

Tenth Month 1878

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo. [illegible] 1878

By the accounts from our Preparative meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence [illegible] Elizabeth Clifford and [illegible] who are present, [illegible] report that Preparative meeting [illegible] account of [illegible], and other things, extra work at the bleachery

The following report from the Treasurer and [illegible] was read and accepted.

To Providence Monthly Meeting
Year ending 15th [illegible] 20th, 78

Tenth Month 1878

Meeting Expenses

Treasurers Account

	Balance last year [illegible]	[illegible]
	Expenditures the current year	7.34
		990.56
	Receipts the current year	729.00
	Balance this date [illegible]	[illegible]

Envelope offerings
On hand for general fund $40.00
" " " " [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Burying ground Fund
On hand for Perpetual care $80.00
Balance to credit of income acct 183.34

Deborah Jencks Fund
Balance to credit of income $32.11

School fund account
Balance to credit of income [illegible]

Robert [illegible] Treasurer
Examined and found correct
Robert B Hanson
Charles Sisson
Auditors

The [illegible] burial ground fund trustees report that the [illegible] has been used for the [illegible] ing on the [illegible] of the fund. The fund now amounts to $41[illegible]

The committee appointed to nominate officers of society for the ensuing year present the following list of Friends which is satisfactory and they are hereby appointed to their respective stations for the year or until another appointment

Tenth Month 1898

To Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends,

Officers

The committee on nominations recommend the following

For Overseers of Society	Robert B. Howson Thos. J. Battey [illegible] Eaton Valentine E. Meader Thomas H. Jackson	Sarah [illegible] Howson Hannah P. Ladd Louisa H. Meader Anna A. Meader M. Augusta Battey
For Overseers of Poor	Robert P. Gifford Louisa H. Meader Mary J. [illegible]	Elizabeth A. Gifford Abbie M. Corey

For Clerks Walter J. Meader and Elizabeth A. Gifford

For Treasurer Robert P. Gifford

For Auditors Robert B. Howson and Charles Sisson

For Recorder Charles H. Battey

For Reporters of Births & Deaths - Marriages & Removals Thomas H. Jackson

For Regulating of Attending

Funerals & Burying Grounds

Providence Smithfield	Robert P. Gifford Robert B. Howson [illegible] Caroline Tobey Mary J. [illegible]
Saylesville & Cumberland	Valentine E. Meader E. Herbert Briggs Henry [illegible]
Finance Committee	Susan Peckham, Louisa H. Meader Elizabeth Clapson, Robert McFarlane George N. Congdon, Abbie M. Corey
Trustees of Saylesville Burial Ground Fund	Valentine E. Meader Walter J. Meader Thos. J. Battey

On behalf of the Committee Thos. J. Battey

Providence 10th mo 27th 1898 Ellen K. Buffum

The committee appointed to confer with John Eaton of Saylesville regarding his request for membership report as follows

To Prov. Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

We your Committee to visit John Eaton on account of his request for membership with Friends report that we have had an interview with him and are united in recommending that his evidently sincere request be granted and the whole influences of society be thrown about him

Which is offered by your committee
Prov. 10th 24th 1878.
Thomas J. Battey
Robert P. Gifford

John Eaton admitted

This report is acceptable to the Meeting and John Eaton is accordingly admitted to membership with us, and we appoint Valentine E. Meader to inform him of our action.

This Meeting unites in granting the request that Saylesville Preparative Meeting be held on 5th day Evening instead of 4th day evening as heretofore.

The Queries have all been read & considered at this time, and we appoint Mary H. Sutton Sarah J. Hanson Louisa N. Meader Robert P. Gifford [illegible] Herbert Briggs our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at [illegible]

[illegible] Meader Clerk

Eleventh Month 1878

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Month 6th 1878

By the report from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence Sarah J. Hanson Ellen [illegible] and Robert P. Gifford from Saylesville Anna E. Meader Abbie [illegible] and Herbert Briggs all are present except one for whose absence an excuse was given.

The Representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one.

Valentine E. Meader informs that he attended to his appointment & informed John Eaton of his admission to our Society

Eleventh Month 1878

The Clerk of Quarterly Meeting informed us that the Quarterly Meeting concurred with us in granting the change of time of holding the Saylesville Preparative Meeting

Walter S. Meader, Clerk

Twelfth Month 1878

At Providence monthly meeting of Friends held 12th Mo 31st 1878

The reports from each Preparative meeting [illegible] informed that the representatives to the [illegible] from Providence [illegible] Elizabeth [illegible] Elizabeth C. Capron and Deborah M. Gifford from Saylesville John H. Meader [illegible] E. Meader and Louisa H. Meader who are present except two, for the absence of one of whom an excuse is given

Walter S. Meader, clerk

First Month 1879

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Month 28th 1879

By the reports from our Preparative meetings it appears that the representatives there are from Providence Deborah M. Gifford [illegible] Battey Thomas [illegible] Battey from Saylesville [illegible] Osborn [illegible] Herbert Briggs and Theodore H. Briggs who are present except one

Arthur T. Parker's certificate [illegible] & his children [illegible] accepted.

We have accepted at this time the following removal certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting in favor of Arthur T. Parker and his three minor children Grace Huntington Parker Florence Anthony Parker and Arthur Parker Huntington [illegible] is instructed to inform them of their reception into membership in our Monthly Meeting

First Month [illegible]

To Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends -

Removal Certificate

Arthur L. Parker

Arthur L. Parker having removed to reside in the vicinity of your Monthly Meeting requests a removal certificate from Greenwich Mo. Meeting for himself & three minor children Viz Grace Huntington Parker (now at Friends School) Lawrence Anthony Parker and Arthur [illegible] Huntington; the latter was legally adopted by Wm. L. and Elizabeth Huntington in infancy and his father [illegible] it is their wish he [illegible] [illegible] membership with Friends. As far as appears [illegible] affairs have been settled, we commend him & his children to your Christian care and oversight, and are your friends. By direction of Greenwich Mo. Meeting [illegible] [illegible] Clerk and Correspondent.

The Queries have all been read and considered at this time and we appoint Elizabeth C. Gifford, Elizabeth Tetlow, Hannah P. [illegible], [illegible], E. Herbert Briggs, [illegible] P. Meader and Robert [illegible] Gifford as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting about to be held in Providence. They are requested to meet at 10 o'clock with the other representatives for the purpose of nominating Quarterly Meeting clerks.

M. Augusta Batty appointed Elder

A communication was received from the Preparative Meeting of Ministry and Oversight proposing the name of M. Augusta Batty to the station of Elder also the following friends as associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for the term of two years Elizabeth C. Capron Asenath Tetlow L. Caroline [illegible] Elizabeth C. Gifford and Ellis H. White. This meeting unites with their proposal & forwards the same for the approval of the Quarterly Meeting

First Month 18[illegible]

We appoint Hannah P. Babb, Elizabeth [illegible], Robert B. Gifford, Elizabeth Gifford and Wm. L. Bates a committee to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting and report the expense to our next Meeting.

W. J. Meader Clerk

Second Month 1899

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd Month 23rd 1899

On the accounts from the Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence M. Augusta Bailey, Sarah J. Hanson and Robert B. Hanson; from Saylesville Thomas Robson, Ludlow Hoxie, E. Herbert Briggs, Jane Walker who are all present except two, one of whom was detained by sickness.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee appointed to provide for the entertainment of the Quarterly Meeting report that the amount expended, less the donations by individuals was $31.00

The report is satisfactory and the Treasurer is authorized to pay the same.

The following requests for admission to membership were received from Saylesville through the overseers, and we appoint Sarah J. Hanson and Hannah P. Babb a committee to confer with them in regard to the same & report to our next meeting.

Request of [illegible] Montgomery

To Prov. Mo. Meeting of Friends, Dear Friends Having [illegible] the society of Friends and visiting your [illegible] to help me in my Christian life I desire to become a member of your religious society Respectfully

2-16-99 Annie Montgomery

Second Month 1899

To Prov. Mo. Meeting, Dear Friends,

Believing as I do that I have been adopted into the family of believing children I desire your Christian care and oversight as a member of your religious society. Rebecca Montgomery

Saylesville, 2-16-99

Walter S. Meader, Clerk

Third Month 1899

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd Mo. 25th 1899

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings the representatives to this are from Providence Elizabeth Seton, Mary [illegible] Sutton, Robert B Hanson

from Saylesville Anna A Spaulding, Anna R. Meader, E. Herbert Briggs and Richard Thompson who are present except two For the absence of one of whom an excuse was given.

The committee appointed to visit Rebecca and Annie Montgomery in regard to their request for membership are continued another month.

We appoint Charles H. Battey [illegible] Thomas J. Battey a committee to prepare the usual summary of statistics for the Quarterly Meeting and report next month.

Walter S. Meader, Clerk

Fourth Month 1899

At Prov. Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo. 29th 1899

By the accounts from our Preparative Meeting the representatives to this are from Providence Mary S. [illegible] Deborah W. Gifford and Wm L. Bates.

From Saylesville Thomas J. Jackson, John H. Meader, Anna A Spaulding who are present except one —

The Committee to visit Rebecca and Anni

Fourth Month 1894 Continued.

Montgomery report as follows

To Providence Monthly Meeting

Your Committee appointed to visit Rebecca & Annie Montgomery have attended to their appointment. We had a satisfactory interview with them and felt impressed with the belief that they were earnestly desirous of leading Christian lives. We would recommend that they be received into membership with us.

Rebecca & Annie Montgomery admitted

Sarah J. Hanson
4th Mo. 27th 1894 Hannah P. Ladd

The report is satisfactory & they are hereby admitted to membership with us. We appoint Louisa H. Meader to inform them of our action.

The Committee on statistics report as follows.

To Prov. Monthly Meeting

Statistics for year ending 3rd Mo 1st 1894

Dear Friends,

The committee on statistics present the following report for the year ending 3rd Mo. 1st 1894.

Number of Members reported last year 232
Received by certificate as follows
Charles R. Jacob, Harriet E. Jacob, Francis William Jacob, Arthur T. Parker, Grace Huntington Parker, Lawrence Anthony Parker & Arthur Parker Huntington, 7
Admitted by Request Margaret W. McCrealie, Richard Thompson, John Paton 3
Births Robert Paton, John McFarlane, Hellen Hawkes Meader 3
245
From which deduct as follows
Died Lydia H. Coffin, Mary E. [illegible] Elizabeth H. [illegible] 3 3
242
Present No of Members

No of Children between 4 and 12 19
" " " " 12 " 21 23
" " " Attending School 35
" " " " " Taught by Friends 7
" " " Between 12 & 21 " " " " 6
" " " College 3
" " " " " " " 1

For the Committee Thomas J. Battey

Fourth Month 1897

This report is satisfactory & the clerk is requested to forward a summary to the Quarterly Meeting.

The Treasurer informs us that he has paid to the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our Quota of stock for year ending 6th mo 1st 1897.

The queries have all been read and answered from each preparative meeting from which a summary has been prepared which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Hannah P. Ladd Mary E. [illegible] Louisa N. Meader Thomas Y. Jackson Robert P. Gifford and Augustine Jones whom we appoint our Representatives. They are requested to meet at the meeting house in East Greenwich at 9 o'clock on the morning of Quarterly Meeting.

This Meeting unites in granting the request of Saylesville meeting to change the time of holding their midweek meeting from Fifth day evening to Fourth day evening at same hour

It is decided subject to the approval of the Quarterly Meeting to hold the Monthly Meeting for the ensuing year at Saylesville in the 6th 7th and 8th Mo's and in Providence the rest of the year same day & hour as before

Summary of Answers to Queries

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except two First day morning meetings & one preparative meeting which were omitted on account of inclement weather. Those on 1st Day mornings are well attended but the other meetings are small. The hour nearly observed.

2nd Love and unity are maintained though detraction is not wholly guarded against. No differences have arisen amongst us

Fourth Month

3rd Most of our members are careful to maintain a religious life & conversation & those having children under their care endeavor to train them up according to our Christian Profession

4th While many Friends are diligent in the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures & encourage their children & others therein, we fear others are too remiss in this important duty, Clear in our testimony to a free gospel ministry,

5th Not wholly clear in the use of intoxicants. With few exceptions friends are careful to avoid amusements & diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to use moderation in all things.

6th The circumstances of the poor are attended to and care is taken in the education of children

7th We know of no violation of our discipline in this matter of oaths, doing military service, or defrauding the public revenue

8th So far as known friends frequently inspect their affairs & settle their account are punctual ~~in~~ to their promises & just in the payment of their debts & are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th Recording is attended to some removals without certificate which are under notice.

10th Efforts are made to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially.

Fifth Month 1899

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th mo 27th 1899

By the report from Providence preparative Meeting the Representatives to this are Elizabeth A Gifford, Mary H. Sutton & Robert B. Hanson who are present

No report was received from Saylesville Preparative Meeting, but John Meader and Margaret McCreadie were present as representatives

Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they attended except one.

The Clerk of Quarterly Meeting informs us that they unite with our proposal to hold the Monthly Meeting in Saylesville in the 6th 7th and 8th Mos & in Providence the rest of the year at usual time

A portion of the general advices was read & considered in this meeting.

Adjourned to meet in Saylesville next month.

Walter S Meader, Clerk

Added Minute

This meeting has been moved by a deep sympathy with the labors, in favor of Peace and Arbitration, of the representatives of many nations now assembled at the Hague - the International Peace Conference.

We would praise God for the hopes aroused among all peoples by this convention, & for the promise of progress to the world which it offers; And while these hopes are in peril we would earnestly strive with God in prayer that He may calm the jealousies & selfish schemings of the nations & their Representatives as Christ calmed the raging waters, to the end that an International Court of Arbitration may be now established, which shall decide matters according to justice; and that the old appeal to brute force may cease forever from the Earth

W. S. M.

Sixth Month 1899

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Held at Saylesville 6th Mo. 8th 1899

By the reports from our Prepara-
tive Meetings the representatives to this
are — from Providence Sarah J. Hanson
Elizabeth A. Gifford and Robert P. Gifford
from Saylesville — John Wilbur
Mary W. Spaulding and Anna A. Meader
Who are present except one.

Our beloved Friend John Wilhelm
Rowntree attended this meeting to our
edification, and presented a minute
of unity with him & his service from
Scarborough Monthly Meeting - England.

A portion of the General advices
was read & considered in this meet-
ing
Walter S. Meader Clerk

Seventh Month 1899

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Saylesville 7th mo 27th 1899

By accounts received from the Prepara-
tive Meetings it appears the Representatives to this
Meeting are from Providence Deborah W. Gifford
Sarah J. Hanson and Robt P. Gifford and from
Saylesville Thomas G. Jackson, Louisa W. Meader
and Abbie M. Cory who are all present.

The Clerk being absent Robt P. Gifford
was appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries have all been read and Considered
in this Meeting and we appoint Ellen R. Buffum
Susan Peckham Thos G. Jackson Robt B. Hanson
and Robt P. Gifford to attend our next Quarterly
Meeting as Representatives

We have received the following request for
Membership through Saylesville Preparative Meeting
viz To Providence Mo Mtg of Friends
"Dear Friends — We wish to become Members of your
religious Society, We have read your discipline and
are agreed with your principles" James Burton
Signed { Mary A. Burton

P. O. BOX 453.

Providence, R. I. mo. 189

To Providence Monthly Meeting
of Friends

Dear Friends

Rhode Island Qrtly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8th mo 1st 1899 Concluded to raise for its use the Coming Year the Sum of Five Hundred ($500.) dollars.

Your Quota of same is 28% or $140.00 one half to be paid on or before 11th mo 1st 1899 and the other half on or before 5th mo 1st 1900 to Robt P. Gifford who was Appointed Quarterly Meeting Treasurer.

Attention is Called to Yearly Meeting Minutes no 37 page 44 on Claims of the American Friend and on page 58 to the "Plan for Christian Giving"

Taken from the Minutes of said Meeting

Robt P. Gifford
Clerk for the Day

Seventh Mo. Continued

We appoint Ellen K. Buffum Hannah P. Ladd Valentine Meader and Robt P. Gifford a Committee to have the usual care of the foregoing request and report next month.

The reports of the Recording and the Corresponding Secretaries of our Women's Foreign Missionary Society were read and were helpful to our prayerful thoughts of many dear Friends engaged in service for our Divine Master.

Robt P. Gifford
Clerk for the day

8th Mo 1899

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 8th mo 46 1899

The Clerk being absent Robt. P. Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day

By account from the Preparative Meetings it appears the Representatives to this are from Providence Elizabeth A. Gifford Edith T. Battey and Robt P. Gifford and fro. Saylesville Thomas P. Jackson, Valentine E. Meader Jane Walker and Anna H. Meader whose names being called they were all present.

The Representatives appointed to attend our late Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

The Committee appointed last month to visit James and Mary A. Barton reported as follows

— To Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends — Our Conference with James Barton and Mary A. Barton his wife in relation to their request for membership in our religious Society has been satisfactory and we believe they are sincere in the profession of Christian faith and convincement of our principles

For the Committee
Ellen K. Buffum
Valentine E. Meader

[illegible]

Thereupon this Meeting is united in recording them as Members of our religious Society and extending to them a Christian welcome in service for our Divine Master with us. they being acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

We have received (herewith attached) the Annual Communication from the Clerk of the

9th mo Continued

Quarterly Meeting which is accepted and that portion of it relating to our Quota of Stock Called for is referred to our Committee on finance.

The reading of the Minute of the Yearly Meeting no 46 on the State of Society was very helpful to us at this time

Robt P. Gifford
Clerk for the day

Ninth Month [illegible]

At [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends held [illegible]

By the [illegible] from our Pre-parative [illegible] it [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

R Gifford 2nd From Sayles[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

except one.

We appoint Asenath Tatlow, Eliza-beth R. [illegible] Robert P. [illegible] Walter S. Meader a committee to nominate officers of society for ensuing year [illegible]

A portion of the General Advices was read & considered at this time. Walter S. Meader Clerk

Tenth Month 1899

At Providence Monthly Meeting of friends held 10th Mo, 28th 1899

By the reports from our Prepar-[illegible] From Providence Asenath Tatlow S. Caroline [illegible] Robert B. [illegible], From Saylesville Freelove H [illegible] Emma M. [illegible] and [illegible] who are present [illegible] the absence of one of them an [illegible]

The following report from the Treasurer

Tenth Month 1899 Continued

and auditors was read and accepted.
Prov. 10th Mo. 25. 1899

To one Monthly Meeting
The following are the balances of accounts in the Treasurer's hands.

Meeting Expenses

Deficit reported last year	$[illegible]	
Paid Canal St assessment with		
[illegible]	182.[illegible]	
" [illegible]	[illegible]	
" [illegible] of Prov.	[illegible]	
" Coal [illegible]	[illegible]	
" [illegible]	31.00	744.56
Receipts		449.00
Balance, yet a deficit		295.56

[illegible]	$[illegible]
Burying ground acct, Principal	$1025.00
" " " Income	
Bal. report last year	183.34
Receipts	18.00
Total,	$201.34
Paid for one years care	126.00
Balance	$75.34

Deborah Gould's Fund Income
Balance $57.91

School Fund Income
Balance $64.34
Robert P. Gifford, Treasurer

Charles Sisson
for the Auditors

The Saylesville Burial Ground fund Trustees report that the ground has been cared for this year by one of its Trustees without drawing on the income of the fund

Amount of Fund $418.[illegible]
[illegible]

Tenth Month 1899 Continued
The Committee on nominations recommend the following for
Officers of Society for the year 1899-1900

[illegible]

Overseers of Society
Robert B Hanson Sarah J. Hanson
Thomas J. Batty Hannah [illegible] Todd
James G. Acton M. Augusta Batty
[illegible] Meader Louisa N. Meader
[illegible]

Caretakers of Meeting houses &c
Providence [illegible]
Robert P. Gifford
Robert B Hanson
S. Caroline Foley
Mary E Glasse
Valentine E. Meader
E Herbert Briggs
Henry Metcalf

Overseers of the Poor
[illegible] Elizabeth Gifford
[illegible] Meader [illegible] Cory
Mary [illegible]

Finance Committee
Elizabeth E. Gifford
Robert P. Gifford
[illegible] Congdon
Louisa N. Meader
Robert McFarlane
John M. Cory

Clerks
Walter S. Meader Elizabeth Gifford

Treasurer
[illegible]

Trustees of [illegible] Burial Ground
Valentine E. Meader
Walter S. Meader
Thomas J. Batty

Auditors
[illegible] [illegible]

Recorder
Thomas J. Batty

Reporters of Births Deaths
[illegible] Thomas G. Jackson

On behalf of the Committee
[illegible] Gifford
Walter S. Meader

The report is satisfactory and they [illegible] appointed to their respective offices for the ensuing year and [illegible].

The [illegible] have all been answered at this time and we appoint [illegible] Robert P. Gifford Thomas G. Jackson, [illegible] Louisa [illegible] representatives to the Quarterly Meeting at [illegible].

Walter S. Meader Clerk

Eleventh Month 1899

At Providence monthly meeting of friends held 11th Mo 2d 1899

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are - from Providence Elizabeth Seton Robert R. Hanson Robert P. Gifford, from Saylesville Thomas J. Jackson Herbert F. Briggs and Jane Walker, who are all present except one. The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting Report that they attended,

A part of the general advices was read at this time.

W. S. Meader; clerk

Twelfth Month 1899

At Providence monthly Meeting of friends held 12th Mo. 30th 1899

By the report from Prov. Preparative Meeting it appears that the representatives to this are Mary S. [illegible] and Charles R. Bowman who are present. No report from Saylesville but the representatives were present & reported that a minute had been made but failed to appear. The clerk being absent Thomas J. Battey was appointed to serve for the day.

William A. Battey having removed to reside within the limits of New York monthly meeting requests that his right of membership be transferred thither, whereupon we appoint Robert P. Gifford and Walter S. Meader a committee to prepare a certificate of removal & present to our next meeting

Thomas J. Battey Clerk for the day

First Month 1900

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 1st Mo, 27th 1900

By the report from our Preparative
Meetings it appears that the representatives
to this are From Providence
Asenath Fellow Robert B Hanson
Susan Peckham from Saylesville
Jane Walker James Barton & Archibald
G. Renfrew who are present except one

Wm A. Battey Re-moval Certificate
We have granted at this time a
removal certificate to William A Battey
addressed to New York Monthly Meeting
& the Clerk is directed to sign & forward
the same

The Treasurer informs that the
deficit of $295.56 reported in 10th Mo last
has all been paid by private contribution
Deficit Paid
amounting to 328.00 For the kind
efforts of one of our members in soliciting
the same & for the result of her labors
we are truly thankful.

A communication has been
received from the Preparative Meeting for
Ministry and Oversight held on the
19th inst. proposing the name of Thomas
W. Jackson for consideration in rela-
tion to the acknowledgement & record
ing of his Gift in the Ministry & this meet-
ing unites with the proposal & forwards
it to the Quarterly Meeting for their approval

We appoint Robert B Hanson Robert
P. Gifford Elizabeth G. Seton & Hannah P.
Ladd a committee to make the necessary
provision for the accommodation of
the Quarterly Meeting & report the expense
to our next Meeting

The Queries have all been read at this
meeting and we appoint Elizabeth A Gifford Hattie
P. Jacob Eliza Higgins Archibald G. Renfrew
Valentine G. Meader & Robert B Hanson our Rep
resentatives to the Quarterly Meeting. They are requested
to meet at 11 o'clock with the other representatives for the
purpose of nominating Quarterly Meeting Clerks

Walter L. Meader Clerk

Second Month 1900

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2 mo. 24, 1900.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence.
Robert B. Hanson, and Sarah J. Hanson.
From Saylesville Valentine E. Meader
Thomas Y. Jackson, and Abbie T. Cory who are all present.

In the absence of the Clerk Thomas J. Battey was appointed to serve for the day.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee appointed to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported attention to the service, and an expense of ($35) Thirty five dollars which has been met by two friends who wished to contribute in this way to their proportion of general expenses. The report is satisfactory.

New York Monthly Meeting reports their acceptance of the removal certificate granted last month to Wm. A. Bolley

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk for the day.

Third Month 1900

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd Mo 31st 1900

By the accounts from our Preparative meetings the Representatives to this are From Providence Elizabeth Seton Mary S. Glass & Wm L. Bates
From Saylesville James Barton and Anna M. Spaulding who are present except two for the absence of one of whom a sufficient excuse appears.

We appoint Walter S. Meader and Elizabeth A Gifford a committee to prepare a summary of statistics for the Quarterly Meeting & Report next Month

Walter S Meader Clerk

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo 25th 1900

By the reports from our Prepara- tive meetings [illegible] representatives to [illegible] Providence [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Meader [illegible] present.

The committee on statistics present the following report for the year ending 3rd Mo 1st 1900

Number of members reported last year		242
Received by certificate	0	
Admitted by request Rebecca Montgomery, Anna Montgomery James Barton and Mary A. Barton	4	
Births [illegible] Whipple (?) [illegible]	2	246
Removals [illegible]	1	
Deaths [illegible] [illegible] Walton (?) [illegible] Whipple [illegible]		5
Present No. of members		240
No. of children between 5 and 12	13	
" " " " 12 " 21	23	
" " " attending school	21	
" " " in schools controlled by friends	10	
" between 12 & 21 " " " " "	5	
" attending College	3	
" " " " " "	1	

For the Committee, Walter C. Meader.

The report is satisfactory & the clerk is requested to forward a summary of it to the Quarterly Meeting.

It is decided subject to the approval of the Quarterly Meeting to hold our Monthly Meeting during the ensuing year at Saylesville in the 6th, 9th and 12th mos. & in Providence all the other mos. as heretofore.

This meeting directs our treasurer to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our [illegible] of stock for year ending 6th mo 1st 1900.

Fourth Month 1900

The Queries have all been read with answers from each of our Preparative meetings from which a summary has been prepared for the Quarterly Meeting to which we appoint Mary S. Haines, Elizabeth Gifford, Robert M. Gifford, Robert R. Tomson, Louisa R. Medland and W. B. [illegible] as our Representatives. They are requested to meet at the meeting house at [illegible] o'clock on the morning of Quarterly Mtg.

Summary of Answers to Queries 1900

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. Those on First day mornings are well attended but the other meetings are small. The hour nearly observed.

Ans 2 Love and unity maintained with little exception, Careful to avoid detraction. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans 3 We believe our members are careful to maintain a religious life & conversation, but we fear some are remiss in the training of their children in accordance with our Christian profession,

Ans 4 While many Friends are diligent in the daily reading of the holy Scriptures and encourage their children & others therein, we fear some neglect this important duty,

Clear in our testimony to a free Gospel ministry

Ans 6 Not quite clear in the use of intoxicants, With little exception Friends are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character and to be moderate in all things

Ans 6. The necessities of the poor are attended to and care taken in the education of children,

Ans 7. We know of no violation of our Discipline in the matter of oaths, doing Military service or defrauding the public revenue,

Fourth Month 1900

Ans. 8 We believe due care in all business transactions as provided for is observed, and Friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9 Recording is attended to, Some removals without certificate which are under notice.

Ans. 10 Efforts are made to administer the discipline in christian tenderness timely and impartially.

Walter S. Meader Clerk

Fifth Month 1900.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 26, 1900.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence

J. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] S. [illegible]

and from Saylesville

[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

who were all present.

In the absence of the Clerk Thomas [illegible] was appointed for the day.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended [illegible]

The clerk of the Quarterly Meeting informs that our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of our Monthly Meeting for the coming year was approved by the Quarterly Meeting.

We have accepted at this time the following removal certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, and the clerk is directed to inform the [illegible] of the same [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] our Monthly Meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

[illegible] J. Ingram a member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting [illegible] [illegible] certificate of [illegible]

Fifth Month, 1900

himself and his wife Sarah Ann and their infant daughter Ada

This is to certify that they are members Of this Monthly Meeting of orderly life and Conversation and that he has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction

Thomas J. Ingraham Removal Certificate

We commend them to your Christian care and are your friends

By direction of Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 4 mo 28th 1900.

Joseph G. Hunter Clerk [illegible]

Clarke P. Collins having requested a letter of communication to the First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown, Pa. we have adopted the following which the Clerk is directed to sign and forward to the pastor of said Church.

Viz. To the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown Pa

Dear Friend;

Our Friend, Clarke P. Collins has informed us of his desire to unite in Christian fellowship with your Society

Clarke P. Collins Released by letter to Church in Johnstown

This may certify on his behalf that we believe him to be leading a consistent Christian life and as such we recommend him to your christian care and oversight.

With fervent desires that our mutual labors for the cause of Christ may be richly blessed we are your friends.

Signed by direction of Providence Monthly Meetings of Friends held in Providence R.I. 5th mo. 26, 1900

The subject of exercises on the 30th of this month in accordance with suggestions in recent numbers of the American Friend having come before us at this time, we appoint Ellen K. Buffum & Augustine Jones to take such action relating thereto as way may open for and report next month.

Thomas J Battey.
Clerk for the day.

Sixth Month 1900

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 6 mo. 30, 1900,

In the absence of the clerk Thomas J. Battey was appointed to serve for the day.

The representatives are from Providence Deborah A. Gifford, Susan Dickinson and Robert S. Gifford. From Saylesville, [illegible] Martin, Valentine Martin and Harriet Fitts who are all present.

Clara M Fitts released

A communication from Clara M. Fitts states that as she has united herself with another religious body, she desires to be released from membership with us. After due consideration it was concluded to grant her request and Susan Dickinson was appointed to inform her of the same, and express to her our continued interest in her religious welfare.

Allan Gay attended

Our aged friend and former member Allan Gay now of [illegible] Mass attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been particularly helpful & acceptable to us at this time.

The committee appointed last month not being present [illegible] [illegible] report at adjourned meeting.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk for the day.

Seventh Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville, 7 mo 28, 1900

The representatives to this meeting are from Providence Mary S. Glover, Susan Dickinson & Charles S. [illegible]

From Saylesville, Anna H. Spaulding, [illegible] [illegible] and Archibald [illegible] who are present except [illegible] for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The Queries have all been read and considered in this meeting, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

To the Monthly Meeting.

Your committee felt that the way did not open for holding a meeting for worship on that day, 5 Mo. 30th., but through Augustine Jones, an invitation was extended to Dr. Benjamin Trueblood to give a lecture on Peace at Friends' School, on the evening of 6 Mo. 1st; and on the 30th of

that month, the day of our Monthly Meeting at Saylesville, an effort was made to bring together all our members, young and old; first; for worship, and afterwards for social intercourse, hoping thus to strengthen and renew the bonds of our Christian communion and fellowship.

Committee { Ellen K. Buffum
Susan Peckham

Providence 8 mo. 25th. 1900

To Providence Monthly Meeting
f Friends–

Dear Friends,

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 5 mo. 2, 1900 concluded to raise for its use the coming year the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.)

Your quota of the same is 28% or $140.00 one half to be paid on or before 12th mo. 1st 1900, and the other half on or before 5 mo. 1st 1901. to Robert P. Gifford who was appointed Quarterly Meeting Treasurer

Taken from the minutes of said Meeting.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk.

[illegible] 1900.

The [illegible] at this time [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society [illegible] the [illegible] work of this organization [illegible] [illegible] encourage them to continue the good work with [illegible].

This meeting having been informed that Sadie [illegible] formerly [illegible] has united with another religious body, directs that her name be stricken from our list of membership and appoints [illegible] Gifford to inform her of the same.

[illegible] Tully
Clerk for the day

Eighth Month, 1900

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Saylesville 8th mo. 25, 1900. [illegible] was appointed clerk for the day.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence Sarah J. Hanson, Deborah A. Gifford and Robert B. Hanson; from Saylesville, Thomas Walker, Valentine E. Meader, Archibald G. Renfrew and Harriet E. Fitts, who, are present.

We have received the annual communication from the clerk of our Quarterly Meeting (see attached slip.) relative to stock, which is accepted and referred to our committee on finance.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except two. A sufficient reason for the absence of one was given.

The committee appointed on the [illegible] [illegible] relative to the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] the accompanying report (see [illegible]) which is accepted.

[illegible] Tully
Clerk for the day

Ninth Month 1900.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9mo 29th 900. Thos J. Battey was appointed Clerk for the day.

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings the representatives to this are from Providence, Deborah W. Gifford and Susan Peckham From Saylesville, James Barton, Anna M. Spalding and Anna A. Meader; who are present except one.

We appoint S. Caroline Tobey, Robert P. Gifford, Charles R. Jacob, and Asenath Letlow a committee to nominate officers of society for the ensuing year, and report next month.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk for the day

Tenth Month 1900

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 13th Mo. 27th 1900

By the accounts from our Preparative Meetings the representatives to this are from [illegible] Gifford & Robert P. Gifford. From Saylesville, Thomas Cobain Louisa N. Meader and James Barton who are present except one.

The following report from the Treasurer & auditor was read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts for Expenses the past Year	$479.00	
Special Contributions [illegible]	328.00	
	807.00	
Paid the deficit balance of last year	$295.56	
" [illegible] Cumberland Meeting House	66.46	
[illegible] for F[illegible] " " "	35.00	
" " Coal 28.75 and Insurance 49.00	77.75	
" " [illegible]	[illegible]	
" Overseers of [illegible]	75.00	
" " Cleaning & Repairs to Mtg House	60.[illegible]	
" Quarterly Meetings Stock 28%	140.00	
" Incidentals	2.20	
Balance on Hand	6.49	807.00
Balance of [illegible] Fund	$42.64	
" " Deborah Jenks " "	63.91	
" " School Fund " "	[illegible]	

Tenth Month 1900 Continued

Present Cash value of Burial Ground Fund $2912.00

Robt P. Gifford, Treasurer

Approved (Prov. 10th Mo 27th 1900

" Charles Sisson, for the Auditors

Recd & forwarded to the yearly Mtg Committees as follows

To	Foreign Missions	$35.00
"	Gospel Work	35.00
"	Indian Affairs	[illegible]
"	Freedmen	44.00
"	Temperance	[illegible]
"	Education	5.00
"	Peace	10.00
"	Bible Fund	[illegible]
		$185.00

The [illegible] Burial Ground Trustees report that the ground has been cared for during the year without cost to the fund.

The amount of fund $410.00 [illegible] int.

The committee on nominations propose the following for Officers of society for the year 1900 – 1901

Officers of Society

Overseers of Society

Thomas J. Battey — Sarah J. Hammond
James G. Eaton — Hannah P. Eaton
Valentine E. Meader — M. Augusta Battey
Thomas J. Jackson — Louisa N. Meader
Anna A. Meader

Overseers of the Poor

Robert P. Gifford — Elizabeth A. Gifford
Louisa N. Meader — Aboy M. Corey
[illegible] S. Grace

Clerks

Walter S. Meader — Elizabeth A. Gifford

Treasurer

Robert P. Gifford

Auditors

James H. Grace — Charles Sisson

Recorder

Lucy A. Meader

Reporters of Births & Deaths

Charles R. [illegible] — Thomas J. Jackson

Tenth Month 19[illegible] Continued

Caretakers of Meeting Houses etc

Providence & Scituate

Robert P. Gifford   [illegible] P. [illegible]
Robert B Hanson   Mary S. Glasse

Saylesville and Cumberland

Valentine E. Meader   Henry Metcalf
E. Herbert Briggs

Finance Committee

Susan Peckham   Louisa N Meader
Elizabeth T. Coffin   Robert McFarlane
Robert P. Gifford   Abby M. Corey
Geo. W. Congdon

Trustees of Saylesville Burial ground Fund

Valentine E. Meader   Thomas J. Battey
Walter S. Meader   A. [illegible] Tobey

[illegible] of Committee Robt P. Gifford

The persons so nominated are appointed to their respective stations for the ensuing year or until another appointment

On consideration of the proposal from the Preparative Meeting of Ministry and Oversight this meeting is united in acknowledging Thomas J. Battey's Gift in the ministry & forwards the proposal to the Quarterly Meeting for its approval

Thos J. Battey's Gift acknowledged

We appoint Robert B. Hanson Walter S. Meader Susan Peckham, Willis H. White and Elizabeth C. Gifford a committee to consider the subject of a Young Peoples Meeting & report if way opens, to our next meeting

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and we appoint Augustine Jones Sarah J. Hanson, Mary S. Glasse, Louisa N. Meader Robert P. Gifford and Charles Sisson as our representatives to the Quarterly Mtg in Fall River

W. S. Meader, Clerk

Statistics for Providence Monthly Meeting from
3 mo. 1, 1910, to 3 mo. 1, 1911.

MEMBERSHIP.

		Providence.	Saylesville.
1.	Number members last year	135	95
2.	Birth Error 2 children C. J. Allen 2	~~0~~ 2	1 ~~0~~ Eva Renfrew
3.	Request	0	2
4.	Letter	0	2
5.	Certificate	1	0
6.	Additions	1	~~4~~ 5
7.	Death	6	1
8.	Disownment	0	0
9.	Resignation	0	0
10.	Discontinuance of names	4	3
11.	Letter	0	0
12.	Certificate	6	0
13.	Total loss	16	4
14.	Number members this year	~~120~~ 122	~~95~~ 96
15.	Net Gain	0	~~0~~ 1
16.	Net Loss	13 ~~15~~	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

		Providence.	Saylesville.
17.	Males	63 ~~62~~	50
18.	Females	59 ~~58~~	~~45~~ 46
19.	Under 21 years	18 ~~16~~	~~26~~ 27
20.	Adult members	10~~5~~4	69
21.	Associate members	9 ~~7~~	~~12~~ 13
22.	" who have become Active	0	0
23.	Resident members	92	~~83~~ 84
24.	Non-resident members	30 ~~28~~	12
25.	Recorded ministers,, 2 resident, 0 non- res.	2	1
26.	Are Particular & Monthly Meeting Records each correct to date?		
27.	Has each Resident Household been furnished with Minutes?		

EDUCATIONAL.

		Providence.	Saylesville.
1.	Frineds' children between 6 & 21 yrs.	14	24
2.	In school the past year	16	17
3.	" attendance beyond the Grammar Grade	8	1
4.	Graduating from High Schools or Academies	0	0
5.	" " College and name of College Wellesley, Brown.	2	0
6.	In college the past year	4	1
7.	Graduating from Professional Schools	0	0
8.	Friends engaged in Teaching the past year	9	0

Statistics for Providence Monthly ~~Particular~~ Meeting for 1907

MEMBERSHIP.

		Prov	Sayles
1.	Number of Members last year,	135	94
2.	Additions by Birth,	0	0
3.	" " Request,	0	2
4.	" " Letter,	0	0
5.	" " Certificate,	0	3
6.	Total Additions,	0	5
7.	Loss by Death,	1	1
8.	" " Disownment,	0	0
9.	" " Resignation,	0	0
10.	" " Discontinuance of names,	1	0
11.	" " Letter,	2	0
12.	" " Certificate,	0	0
13.	Total Loss,	4	1
14.	Number of Members this year,	131	98
15.	Net Gain,	0	4
16.	Net Loss,	4	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

17.	Number of Males,	66	52
18.	" " Females,	65	46
19.	" under 21 years,	17	33
20.	" of Adult Members,	114	65
21.	" " Associate Members,	3	10
22.	" " Associates who have become Active,	0	0
23.	" " Resident Members,	93	90
24.	" " Non-Resident Members,	38	8
25.	" " Recorded Ministers 3-1 resident 3-1 non-resident,		
26.	" " Members in College,	4	0
27.	" " Members Teaching,	9	0
28.	Are Particular and Monthly Meeting Records each correct to date?	no	no
29.	Has each Resident Household been furnished with Minutes?	As far as known	

EDUCATIONAL.

1.	Number of Friends children between 6 and 21 years of age,	16	26
2.	" in school the past year,	17	16
3.	" in attendance beyond the Grammar Grade,	5	1
4.	" graduating from High Schools or Academies,	1	0
5.	" graduating from College, and name of College,	1	0
	Brown		
6.	Number in College the past year,	4	0
7.	" graduating from Professional Schools,	0	0
8.	" of Friends engaged in Teaching the past year,	9	0

NOTICE.— To be sure that no mistakes occur in this report, observe the following:

1. See that No. 1 is correct as it was reported last year. If a mistake in last year's figures has been discovered since then, call it "additions by mistake last year," or "loss by mistake last year," as the case may be, and add or subtract as may be required to make No. 14 on this report exactly correct; then write a brief note of explanation on the report.
2. The addition of Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 will give No. 6; and of 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 will give No. 13.
3. If No. 6 be larger than No. 13, subtract No. 13 from No. 6 to obtain No. 15; but if No. 13 be larger, subtract No. 6 from No. 13 to obtain No. 16. Of course only one of the numbers 15 and 16 will have figures. If there be a "net gain," and add No. 15 to No. 1 to obtain No. 14. If there be a "net loss," subtract No. 16 from No. 1 to obtain No. 14.
4. See that No. 14 is the same as the sum of 17 and 18, of 19, and 20 and of 23 and 24.
5. See that the sum of Nos. 21 and 22 is the same as No. 20.
6. Prove that your figures are all correct.
7. Keep your records corrected up to date, and these may be obtained from them easily. Good records make easy reports.
8. Keep on hand a copy of this report for future reference.

Membership of Providence Meeting.

	Prov. 183 - Say. 77		
1872	260	1889	208
1874	267	1890	201
1875	250	1891	200
1876	252	1892	202
1877	249	1893	188
1878	238	1894	189
1879	247	1895	217
1880	242	1896	227
1881	227	1897	232
1882	224	1898	232
1883	223	1899	242
1884	227	1900	240
1885	225	1901	239
1886	226	1902	235
1887	227	1903	231
1888	209	1904	224
		Providence	Saylesville
1905	246	151	95
1906	229	135	94
1907	229	131	98
1908	234 232	131	101
1909	238	135	103
1910	230	135	95
1911	215	120	95

Eleventh Month 1900

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo. 24th 1900

It appears from the reports of our Preparative meetings that the representatives to [illegible] from Providence Sarah [illegible] Elizabeth [illegible], Robert B. [illegible] From Saylesville Thomas Y. Jackson Annie M [illegible] and Thomas G. [illegible] who are all [illegible].

The representatives [illegible] reported that [illegible] attended [illegible]

The committee appointed to consider the subject of an evening peoples meeting brought the following report.

To the Monthly Meeting

Your committee have met three times and after giving the subject careful [illegible] consideration were of the opinion that the way does not open just now for holding a young Peoples Evening Meeting

For the Committee Susan Peckham
William S. Meader
Robert [illegible]

The report is received and the committee continued in the interest of the [illegible] for Young People as way may open

Our Dear friend in the ministry Willis R. Hotchkiss, [illegible] accompanied by Clarence [illegible] Ohio, Quarterly meeting attended this meeting & his company & service has been very acceptable to us. The Clerk is requested to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our dear friend Dillie C. Sharpless was also acceptably with us to day

W.S. Meader, Clerk

Twelfth Month 1900

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th Mo. 29th 1900

By the reports from our Preparative Meetings the representatives to this are from Providence S. Caroline Tobey, Susan Peckham, Wm L. Bates
from Saylesville James Barton Thomas Y. Jackson, Anna M. Spaulding who are all present.

W. S. Meader, Clerk –

First Month 1901

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th Mo. 26th 1901

By the minutes of our Preparative Meetings the representatives to this are from Providence Elizabeth Seton Mary S. Glasse Chas. B Inman
from Saylesville Anna A Meader and Thomas J. Ingram who are present except one for whom an excuse is given

We appoint Mary S. Glasse Elizabeth Seton Robt P. Gifford & Chas B. Inman a committee to make the necessary provisions for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting & report the Expense to our next meeting

The following names of Friends are proposed by the Preparative meeting of Ministry & Oversight for appointment as Associate members of that meeting Viz Elizabeth C. Cahron Asenath Fellow S. Caroline Tobey, Elizabeth R. Gifford Abbie [illegible] Willis H. Hill.
This meeting unites in their appointment subject to the approval of the Quarterly meeting.

The Queries have all been read at this meeting and we appoint M. Augusta Batty Sarah S. Hanson Augustine Jones Chas Lisson & Chas R. [illegible] our representatives to the Quarterly Mtg
They are requested to meet at 10 o'clock with the other representatives to name Quarterly Mtg Clerks

W. S. Meader, Clerk

Second Month 1901

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd Mo. 23rd 1901

By the reports from our Preparative Meetings the representatives to this are from Providence Elizabeth A. Gifford, Robert B. Hanson, Robert P. Gifford From Saylesville Archibald J. Renfrew & Valentine E. Meader who are all present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one who was prevented by illness.

The committee appointed to provide for Quarterly Meeting report an expense less donations, of $35 thirty five dollars. The report is satisfactory & the Treasurer is authorized to pay the same.

Walter B. Meader - Clerk

Third Month, 1901

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo 30, 1901 In the absence of the clerk, Thos. J. Bailey was appointed for the day. By the accounts from the Preparative meetings it appears that the representatives to this are from Providence, Phebe C. Gifford [illegible], Robert B. Hanson, [illegible], from Saylesville, Thos. J. Ingram, E Herbert Briggs, & Freelove H. Briggs who were all present except two, for the absence of one of whom an excuse was given

We appoint Elizabeth A. Gifford, [illegible] and Robert P. Gifford a committee to prepare a summary of statistics for the Quarterly Meeting and report next month.

Thos. J. Bailey, Clerk for the day.

Fourth Mo. 1901

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo. 24th 1901

By the accounts from our Preparative meetings the representatives to this are from Providence M. Augusta Battey Elizabeth Bolton and Robt P. Gifford from Saylesville Anna A. Meader Louisa H. Meader and Thomas J. Ingram who are all present.

The committee on Statistics present the following report for the year ending 3rd Mo 1st/1901

No. of members reported last year 240
Received by request, Thomas J. Ingram Sarah Ann Ingram and Ada Ingram 3
Admitted by request 0
Births, Edward Cobain Macfarlane, Walter Sidney Wunderlich 3
246

Removals 1. Released 1
Deaths 5 Mary H. Sutton died 11th Mo. 4th 1900 in her 76th year.
John H. Meader, died 4th Mo 3rd 1900 In his 83rd year
Jethro Hawes died 5th Mo. 10th 1900
Eunice R. Razee Autumn of 1900
Phebe M. Rice died 4th Mo. 6th 1900 7.
Present No of Members 239
No Children between 4 & 12 16
" " " 12 & 21 22
" " Attending School 24
" " " " Controlled by Friends 7
" " between 12 & 21 " " " " " 6
" " Attending College 5
" " " " " " " 1.

For the Committee, Lucy H. Meader

The report is satisfactory & the clerk is requested to forward a summary of it to the Quarterly Meeting

It is decided subject to approval of Quarterly Meeting to hold our monthly meeting in Saylesville in the 6th 7th 8th & 9th Mos and in Providence all the other Mos. during the ensuing year at the usual hour

Our Treasurer reports that our quota of Stock for the year ending 5th Mo. 1st 1901 has been paid

The following removal certificate from Smithfield Mo. Meeting of Friends on behalf of Lydia Clark Stone has been received.

To Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends:—

Lydia Clark Stone one of our members having some time since moved to reside within the limits of your Mo. Meeting this meeting decides to forward on her behalf a removal certificate.

Lydia Clark Stone Received

As far as we can ascertain she has settled her outward affairs satisfactorily & we commend her to your loving care & Christian fellowship. Signed on behalf of Smithfield Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket R.I. Fourth Mo. 25th 1901

Elisha T. Read Clerk.
Sarah E. Varney Assistant.

This Meeting accepts the certificate & requests our Overseers to inform her of our action.

The following letter requesting permission to withdraw from membership with Friends was rec'd from Eliza Higgins of Saylesville Preparative Meeting

4th Mo. 1901 To Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends

Eliza Higgins released

Wishing to withdraw from membership with friends that I may unite with the Evangelistic Mission of Central Falls, will you kindly give consent and oblige yours in Christian Love

Eliza Higgins.

We appoint Louisa M. Meader & Susan Peckham to confer with her in regaard to her request.

The Queries have all been read with answers from each of our Preparative meetings, from which a summary has been prepared for the Quarterly Meeting to which we appoint as our representatives

Fourth Mo 1901 Continued

Representatives Elizabeth A Gifford Willis H. White Louisa N. Meader Thomas J. Ingram Susan Peckham & Robert B Hanson. They are requested to meet at the meeting house East Greenwich at 9 o'clock on the morning of Quarterly Meeting.

Summary of Answers to Queries 1901

1st All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been regularly held. those on 1st day Mornings are well attended but the other meetings are small. the hour is nearly observed.

2nd Love & unity mostly maintained. tho detraction is not fully guarded against. No outward differences amongst us.

3rd There has been a good degree of care among our members to maintain a religious life & conversation & to train their children in accordance with our Christian profession.

4th While many Friends are diligent in the daily reading of the Scriptures & encourage others therein, we fear some remiss in this important duty. Clear in our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

5. Clear in the use of intoxicants so far as appears. With few exceptions Friends are careful to avoid amusements & diversions, inconsistent with a Christian character, & to be moderate in all things

6. The circumstances of the poor are attended to and care taken in the education of children

7. We believe our testimony against bearing arms and other military matters, against oaths & defrauding the public revenue is maintained

8. We believe that with few exceptions due care is observed in all business transactions & that most Friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9. Recording is attended to. Some removals without certificate which are under notice

10. Efforts are made to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely & impartially

Walter S. Meader - Clerk

Fifth Month 1901

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Mo. 25th 1901.

By the reports from our Preparative Meetings the representatives to this are from Providence Sarah C. Hanson and Robert P. Gifford; from Eaglesville James Renfrew Anna M. Spaulding and Abby J. Corey who are present except three.

The committee appointed to confer with Eliza Tingquist in regard to her request for withdrawal report that she still desires to withdraw from the society the report is satisfactory & she is released from membership.

The following removal certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting on behalf of Charles F. Hussey has been received. We accept the certificate & the clerk is directed to give the customary information

To Prov. Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Charles F. Hussey having for several years resided within the limits of your meeting - this is to certify that he is a member of this meeting & that his financial affairs are satisfactorily settled.

Signed by direction of Berwick Mo. Meeting held at North Berwick, Maine, Fourth Mo. 18th 1901

Samuel Buffum - Clerk

The clerk of the Quarterly Meeting reports that the Quarterly Meeting granted our request in regard to change of Place for holding our Monthly Meeting in 6-7-8 & 9 mos

The Representatives to Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one who was detained by illness

Walter S. Meader Clerk

Sixth Month 1901

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 6 mo 29th 1901

The Clerk being absent Robt H Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day.

By accounts from our Preparative Meetings the Representatives to this are absent except Susanah Fallon and Robt H Gifford.

The reading of the Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Providence Auxiliary of the Womens' Foreign Missionary Society made our hearts rejoice that God's goodness and love abound over sea and land even "from the rivers to the ends of the Earth."

The report of the recording secretary is postponed to a future meeting.

Robt H Gifford
Clerk for the day

Seventh Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 7 mo. 27th 1901

The Clerk being absent Robt H Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day

By accounts from our Preparative Meetings the representatives to this are from Providence Sarah J. Hanson, Chas B. Inman and from Saylesville Thos G. Jackson and Abby M. Corey who are present.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and we appoint Louisa A. Meader, Sarah J. Hanson Thos G. Jackson and Chas B. Inman to attend our next Quarterly Meeting at Newport as Representatives.

The report of the recording secretary of the Womens Foreign Missionary Society Providence Auxiliary as referred to last month has been read, and its contents together with remarks by our dear friend Adelia C. Sharpless recently engaged in a religious visit to the Island of Jamaica afforded us occasion for the earnest prayer that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified at home and abroad.

Robt H Gifford
Clerk for the day

To Providence Monthly
Meeting of Friends

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held in Newport 8/1/01.

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Quarterly Mtg the ensuing year the sum of $550.00 and our Monthly Meetings are directed to pay their usual proportions of this sum to Robt. P. Gifford Treasr one half on or before 11th mo. 1st 1901 and the remainder on or before 5th mo 1st 1902

The communication from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting directs that Monthly Meetings shall conform in all respects to the provisions of the Uniform Discipline as early as circumstances will allow, and in relation thereto reference should be had to the Yearly Meeting Minutes # 43 and 44

By direction of the Meeting
Robt P. Gifford Clerk for the day

The part of Prov. Mo. Mtg is 28 or $154.00

Eighth Month 1901

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 8th mo 31st 1901

The Clerk being absent Robt P Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day.

By accounts from our Preparative Meetings it appears the Representatives to this are from Providence Elizabeth Seton Robt P Gifford Susan Peckham and from Saylesville John Paton Abby K Cory and Anna A Meader who are present except one.

The Representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report that two of them attended — received the following Communication from the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting herewith attached, that relating to finance is referred to our Committee of finance and with this official information our Members and Meetings are to conform to the provisions of the Uniform Discipline as early as circumstances will allow.

Robt P Gifford
Clerk for the day

Ninth Month 1901

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 9th Mo 28th 1901

By the report from one of our Preparative meetings the representatives to this from Saylesville are Richard Thompson and John Paton one of whom is present.

Preparative Meetings discontinued

We have at this time discontinued our Preparative Meetings for Business and Discipline in accordance with the Uniform Discipline.

We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Augustine Jones, Asenath Fellow, Louisa N. Meader and Valentine E. Meader a committee to nominate officers of Society for the ensuing year & report to our next meeting

We have received from Smithfield Monthly meeting a Removal Certificate in favor of Willet C. and Mary Emma Southwick and appoint Thomas J. Battey Susan Peckham + Louisa M Meader a committee to report on same to our next meeting

Ninth Month 1901 Continued

Removal Certificate of Thomas J. Ingram & Family

The Clerks are authorized to prepare a removal certificate for Thomas J. Ingram his wife Sarah Ann & daughter Ada, to Sidney Monthly Meeting of Friends & sign the same on behalf of this meeting

We appoint Augustine Jones, Robert B. Hanson and Asenath Fellow a committee to cooperate with a committee from the Meeting of Ministry & Oversight in proposing the names of Friends for the Station of Elder

We adjourn to meet in Providence in the Tenth Mo. at the usual time.

Walter S. Meader - Clerk

Tenth Month 1901

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 10th Mo. 26 1901

Willet C & Mary mma outhwick Rc'd by Certificate

The committee on certificate of Willet C. and Mary Emma Southwick report favorably & the Clerk is requested to inform Smithfield Monthly Meeting that we have accepted their certificate

The Clerks report that they prepared and sent a removal certificate for Thomas J. Ingram & family to Sidney Monthly Meeting, Me.

The Trustees of the Saylesville Burial Ground fund report that the ground has been cared for during the year without expense to the fund, & that the fund which now amounts to $500, has been deposited in the Participation account of the Manufacturers Trust Co. Prov. For the Trustees

Walter S. Meader

Elders ominated

The joint committee for proposing the names of Friends for appointment to the station of Elder submit the following

For 3 years	Sarah J. Hanson
Ellen K. Buffum	M. Augusta Battey
Louisa N. Meader	Hannah P. Ladd
Susan Peckham	Valentine E. Meader

For two years Elizabeth C. Capron
Augustine Jones

Tenth Month Continued

For one year Asenath Tetlow Elizabeth A. Gifford

On behalf of Committee Robert B Hanson
Robert P. Gifford

The Clerk is instructed to forward them to the Quarterly Mtg on Ministry & Oversight for its consideration

Officers of Society

We would Propose for officers of Society according to the provisions of the Uniform Discipline — Overseers for 3 years

Thomas J. Battey Hannah P. Ladd
James G. Seton Louisa N. Meader
Valentine E. Meader Anna A. Meader
Thomas J. Jackson Abby A. Corey
Sarah J. Hanson

Overseers of the Poor

Robert P. Gifford Elizabeth A. Gifford
Louisa N. Meader Abby A. Corey
Mary S. Glasse

Clerks

Walter S. Meader Elizabeth A. Gifford Assistant

Treasurer

Robert P. Gifford

Finance Committee

Susan Peckham Robert McFarlane
George W. Congdon Abby A. Corey
Louisa N. Meader Phebe R. Gifford 2nd

Recorder

Lucy H. Meader

Reporters of Births & Deaths

Charles R. Jacob and Archibald Renfrew

Correspondent

Thomas J. Battey

Caretakers of Meeting houses, Burial grounds, and oversight of funerals, Providence & [illegible]

Robert P. Gifford Mary S. Glasse
Robert B. Hanson Elizabeth G. Seton

Salesville & Cumberland

Valentine E. Meader and Henry Metcalf

Trustees of Saylesville Burial Ground Fund

Valentine E. Meader
Walter S. Meader
Thomas J. Battey Asenath Tetlow

On behalf of Committee Robert P. Gifford

Tenth Month Continued

We appoint Sarah J. Hanson Mary S. Glasse. Thomas J. Battey, Robert P. Gifford, & Valentine E. Meader our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting in Fall River

Eleventh Mo. 1901

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo. 30th 1901

The following report from the Treasurer & Auditors was read and accepted.

10th Mo. 26th

Treasurer's Report. To the Monthly Meeting -

The receipts for meeting expenses the past year have been $604.17

The Expenditures $598.67

Balance on hand $5.50

Paid to Yearly Meeting Committees through the envelope system as follows

On Gospel Work	$7.50
" Foreign Missions	45.00
" Western Indians	28.50
" Freedmen	41.50
" Bible School Work	9.00
" Temperance Work	11.00
" Education	12.00
" Peace	12.00
Total	$166.50

Balances on Deposits for the Burrying Ground Fund $1148.00

And on acct of Income 44.27

Balance of Deborah Jencks Fund Income 4.[illegible]

Balance of School Fund Income $23.53

Robert P. Gifford Treasurer

Correct Charles Sisson for the Auditors

Charles E. and Alice M. Meader Released

The following letter requesting to be released from membership was received from Charles E. and Alice M. Meader This Meeting decides to grant their request & the clerk is directed to inform them of our action.

Lowell Mass. Nov 28th 1901

To Prov. Mo. Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends Having fully decided

Eleventh Month Continued

to unite with the First Baptist Church of Lowell we respectfully request to be released from membership in the society of Friends Charles E. Meader
Alice M Meader

The nominations for the station of Elder sent by this meeting to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & oversight have been returned to this meeting for a redivision of the names We refer them back to the joint committee from the Monthly Meeting & Meeting of Ministry & Oversight for such division & await their report sometime before next Quarterly Meeting.

Walter S. Meader - Clerk

Twelfth Month 1901

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th Mo. 28th 1901

A communication from the Treasurer of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee urging a faithful giving of small amounts by all our members through the Envelope System was read & considered

A request has been received from James Renfrew for a removal certificate to St Albans Mo. Meeting and we appoint Thomas J. Battey and Valentine E. Meader a committee to report same to our next meeting

Walter S. Meader - Clerk

First Month 1902

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo. 28th 1902

The committee to whom the names of friends nominated for the station of Elder were referred for redivision recommend the following Friends for appointment to the station of Elder

Elders appointed 2nd Mo. 1902

For Three Years
Ellen K Buffum
Louisa N. Meader
Sarah J. Hanson
Hannah P. Ladd

For Two Years
Susan Peckham
N. Augusta Battey
Valentine E. Meader
Elizabeth C. Capron

First Month 1902 Continued

for One year; Augustine Jones, Asenath Fellow, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Charles Sisson. Their report is satisfactory & we forward it to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for their action upon it.

The committee to consider the request of James Renfrew for a removal certificate to Saint Albans Monthly Meeting report in favor of granting the request & present the following Certificate which we forward to that Meeting.

To Saint Albans Monthly Meeting, Me.

Dear Friends

James Renfrew having removed to reside within your limits requests a certificate of removal.

This may certify that he is a member of this meeting and appears on inquiry made to have settled his outward affairs to satisfaction.

We therefore recommend him to your Christian Care & oversight and remain your Friends

By direction & on behalf of Prov. Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo. 25th 1902

Walter S. Meader Clerk
Thomas J. Battey Correspondent

We appoint Emily S. White Robert P. Gifford Elizabeth Acton Wm L. Bates Mary S. Chase a committee to make arrangements for the accomodation of the Quarterly Meeting and report the Expense to our next meeting.

The Queries have been read and considered in this meeting and we appoint Hannah P. Ladd Louisa N. Meader Emily S. White Deborah W. Gifford Willis H. White and Archibald J. Renfrew as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting. They are requested to meet at 10 o'clock with the other representatives & nominate Quarterly Meeting Clerks

Walter S. Meader Clerk

Second Month 1902

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd Mo. 22nd 1902

A communication from the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight was received approving of our nominations for the station of Elder. We therefore appoint them to the station of Elder for their respective periods

lders appointed

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one for whose absence an excuse is given

The committee to make arrangements for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting report that the expense including 24 chairs and some tinware was $49, the report is satisfactory & the treasurer is authorized to pay the same

Walter S. Meader Clerk

Third Month 1902

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd Mo. 29th 1902

James Renfrew removed

We have received a communication from St Albans Monthly Meeting of Friends returning the removal certificate of James Renfrew with the information that he does not reside within the limits of that Mo. Meeting but has been laboring within the limits of Cornville Mo. Meeting which has lately been established at Cornville, Me. And we have forwarded a certificate addressed to that Mo. Meeting.

Mary A. Evans. Released.

We have received a request for withdrawal from membership in the Society of Friends from Mary A. Evans of Fall River. As she has united with another denomination her request is granted & the clerk is requested to inform her of our action.

We appoint Elizabeth A. Gifford, Lucy H. Mead and Robert P. Gifford a committee to prepare a summary of statistics for the Quarterly Meeting and report next month. W. S. Meader Clerk

Fourth Month 1902

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 4th Mo. 26th 1902.

Cornville Me, Monthly Meeting inform us that they have accepted our removal certificate for James Renfrew

Thomas & Jane Walker Released

Thomas and Jane Walker of Saylesville Meeting request to be released from membership. It seems best to grant their request and the clerk is directed to inform them of our action

The Committee on Statistics present the following report for the year ending 3rd Mo 1st 1902 The report is satisfactory and the clerk is requested to forward a Summary of it to the Quarterly Meeting

No of Members reported last year 239
Received by Certificate (William Southwick
Mary Emma Southwick
Charles F. Higgins
Lydia Clark Stone) 4
Admitted by request — — 0
Births Lavinia Marston
(Barton) 2 6
245
Removals 4
Released 3
Deaths Nancy Anthony 6th Mo 1901
Rachel Coburn 7th " "
Mary R Wood 1st Mo. 24th " 3 10
Present no. of members 235
No. children between 4 and 12 16
" " " 12 " 21 20
" " Attending school 25
" " " " Controlled by friends 4
" " between 12 & 21 " " " " " 14
" " " College 2
" " " " Controlled by friends 0

For the Committee
Lucy H. Meader

It is decided subject to the approval of the Quarterly Meeting to hold our Monthly Meeting until further notice at Saylesville in the 6th 7th 8th and 9th Mos. and in Prov. the other Mos. of each year same day and hour as at present

Fourth Month Continued

The Local meeting on Ministry and Oversight present the following report on condition of society which is accepted.

From Providence Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 4th Mo. 17 - 1902 To the Monthly Meeting The members of this meeting now number a total of twenty (20) there being five (5) Ministers twelve (12) Elders and three (3) who are members as overseers

We are in unity with each other in gospel services and religious exercise for the upbuilding of our membership and the growth in grace of all who are in fellowship as attenders of our meetings.

The Meetings for worship in Providence and Saylesville are well attended on First Days and the evidences of Divine Blessing to the special needs of individuals are often found in the expressions of many who share in the devotions

We believe the midweek meeting in Providence would be more fruitful of good in extending the helpfulness of our religious associations to those not in membership with us if the evening hour was substituted for that which has so long been the custom.

Our Bible school instruction is strengthening and encouraging and we are thankful for the interest maintained especially on the part of the beloved children in the primary department

on behalf of the meeting

Robert P. Gifford - Clerk

The matter referred to in the report of the Local Mtg of Ministry and Oversight in regard to holding the midweek meeting in the evening is referred to Fifth Month next for consideration

Our Treasurer reports that our quota of stock for year ending 5 mo 1st has been paid.

This meeting unites in the wish to offer the use of its Friends Meeting House and grounds to the Baptist Young Peoples Fellowship Union during their Convention in 7th Mo from 5th day noon till 1st day [illegible] 4th Month Continued

This Meeting has adopted the following report on State of Society which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our representatives Asenath Allison Elizabeth C. Dillard Thomas J. Battey Charles Wilson Louisa R. Meader & Abby M. Tabor

The regularly established meetings for worship and discipline in our Monthly Meeting have all been held during the year ending 3rd mo 1st 1902. The percentage of the membership habitually attending has been rather small more on 1st day mornings and notably so at midweek and business meetings. But quite a number of our members have usually been present on the 1st day of the week. With possibly some exceptions there appears to have been a good degree of unity and Christian fellowship among us so that no differences have occurred to call for disciplinary measures,

No special inquiry has been made among the different families to ascertain to what extent family and private devotions have been maintained but we feel confident that many seek to be faithful in that respect

The principal work distinctively religious in which our members are engaged apart from regular meetings lies in the bible schools and missionary meetings which are maintained with creditable zeal tho they are not large in point of numbers.

In the matter of intoxicating drinks we believe our membership is mainly clear but we have reason to fear some have not wholly refrained from certain amusements usually counted inconsistent among Friends.

On such subjects as Military service and public revenue we are not aware that there has been any breach of Christian principle during the past year. In all business matters and style of living as well as providing for the education and training of children our members have been generally careful and exemplary so far as appears and care has been extended to those needing assistance

Walter L. Meader Clerk

"PROVIDENCE 1902"

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

BROWN UNIVERSITY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Twelfth International Convention B. Y. P. U. A.

JULY 10-13.

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Public Comfort—Dr. C. M Godding, 312 Benefit St.
Rally—Rev. Frank Rector, D. D.

Providence, R. I., July 19, *1902*.

Mr. Robert P. Gifford,
Industrial Trust Company Building,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Brother:-

At the meeting of the Executive Committee held Wednesday Evening, July 16th, it was unanimously voted that the thanks of this Committee be extended to you for the generous use of your Church Building for the purpose of the meetings of our Twelfth International Convention. The Committee appreciates your great kindness in this way, largely assisting us in our work of entertaining the hosts of young people gathered in Providence during the Convention.

Yours very truly,

Wallace L Pond

Sec., Executive Committee.

Fifth Month 1902

At Providence Monthly meeting of Friends held 5th Mo. 31st 1902

The Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting reports that that meeting concurred with us as to the place of holding our Monthly Meeting

Arthur B Farr Removed

A request for a certificate of removal to Woonsocket Monthly Meeting has been received from Arthur B Farr and we appoint Walter S. Meader and Thomas J Battey to prepare a certificate and present it to our next meeting

Barker Newhall Released

We have received a request to be released from membership in the Society of Friends, from Barker Newhall of Gambier, Ohio. It seems right to grant it and the clerk is directed to inform him of our action

The representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

Walter S. Meader Clerk

Sixth Month 1902

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 6 mo 28th 1902

In the absence of the Clerk Thos J. Battey was appointed for the day.

The following Removal Certificate in favor of Arthur B Farr was presented and accepted. The Clerk is directed to sign & forward the same.

To Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Arthur B Farr having removed to reside within your limits requests our Certificate.

This may certify that he is a member of this Meeting and has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction so far as appears. We commend him to your Christian care and oversight and remain your Friends.

In accordance with the requirements of the new Discipline we are united in [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] from Providence & Saylesville as the [illegible] Committee of this Meeting and recommend that they meet every month at [illegible] Meeting each Monthly Meeting. Thomas J Battey Clerk for the day Copy by [illegible]

Seventh Month 1902

At Providence Mo Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 7 mo 26 1902

The Clerk being absent Susan H. Meader was appointed to serve for the day

The Queries have been read and we appoint as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting Frederick E. Eaton Thomas J. Jackson and Susan H. Meader.

Wm Renfrew & wife Mary & son William received — A request from Wm Renfrew and wife Mary to become Members of our Religious Society has been united with as also that on behalf of their minor son William

Frederick E. Eaton released — Frederick E. Eaton presented a request to be released from Membership with Friends and after due deliberation we feel it is best to grant his request.

Susan H. Meader Clerk for the day

Copy by R.A.G.

Eighth Month, 1902.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 7 mo 30, 1902.

Min 11 — The representatives to the last Quarterly meeting reported attendance except one.

Min — In the absence of the clerks, Thomas J. Battey and Susan Peckham were appointed for the day.

The following communication from the clerk of our Quarterly Meeting is referred to our Finance Committee. (see margin

The clerk of Smithfield Mo. Mtg. reports their acceptance of our removal certificate in favor of Arthur B. Farr.

Encouraging reports from the secretary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society were read giving accounts of the work done during the past year. They show among other things that [illegible] have been raised and devoted to the interests of the work.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk for the

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
49 WESTMINSTER ST.
P. O. BOX 453.

Newport ~~Providence~~, R. I., 8th mo. 7th 1902

To Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of this date Concluded to raise for the ensuing year the sum of $560.00 in half yearly payments as heretofore.

The Quota of your Meeting by the new apportionment is 31 per Cent or $173.60 to be forwarded to the Treasurer Robt P. Gifford 11 mo 1st 86.80 and 5th mo 1st 86.80.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Robt P. Gifford

Clerk for the day

Ninth Month 1902

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 9th mo 27th 1902

We appoint Thomas Y. Jackson, Willie H. White, Hannah P. Ladd and Sarah J. Hanson a committee to nominate officers of society for the ensuing year and report to our next meeting

The question as to the time of holding the midweek meeting in Providence is referred to next mo. for our consideration.

We adjourn to meet next in Providence at the usual time.

Walter S. Meader Clerk

Tenth Month 1902

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th Mo. 20th 1902

The Trustees of the Saylesville burial ground fund report that the ground has been cared for without expense to the fund which is on deposit in the participation account of the Manufacturers Trust Co. Providence and amounts to something over 800.00

For the Trustees W. S. Meader

After consideration it seems best to hold the midweek meeting in Providence in the morning as heretofore,

The Treasurer makes the following annual report which is endorsed by the auditor, and is satisfactory

10th Mo. 1902 To Prov. Monthly Meeting

The balances of Treasurer's account are as follows,

Meeting Expenses	$36.72
Burying Ground fund, Income	31.50
On acct of Principal	1184.50
D. Jencks Fund Income	54.31
School Fund Income	24.27

Robert P. Gifford Treasurer

Correct - Charles Sisson Jr. Auditor

Tenth Month Continued

Treasurer's Acct.

Amounts received for the work of Yearly Meeting's) Committees.

(On Gospel Work	$23.50
" Foreign Missions	60.60
" Western Indians	46.30
" Freedmen	40.30
" Bible School Work	16.60
" Temperance "	14.50
" Education "	16.00
" Peace "	16.00
Total	234.90

The committee to nominate officers of society for ensueing year present the following report which is accepted & the Friends named are appointed to their respective offices for one year or until another appointment.

For Relief Committee.
Robert P. Gifford, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Mary S. Pass, Louisa N. Meader, Abby A. Corey

Clerks
Walter S. Meader and Elizabeth A. Gifford

Treasurer
Robert P. Gifford

Finance Committee
Susan Peckham, George N. Congdon, S. Caroline Tobey Louisa N. Meader Robert McFarlane, Abby Corey

Recorder
Lucy A. Meader

Correspondent
Thomas J. Batty

Care takers of Meeting houses, Burial grounds and oversight of funerals.
Robert B. Hanson, Charles Sisson Elizabeth Sisson Mary S. Pass and Emily S. White

For Saylesville & Cumberland
Valentine E. Meader, Henry Metcalf

Trustees of Saylesville Burial Ground Fund
Valentine E. Meader, Walter S. Meader, Thomas J. Batty

Additional members of the Pastoral Committee
S. Caroline Tobey Walter S. Meader
James Barton, and Elizabeth P. Seton
To Committee Hannah P. Read, Thos. J. Jackson

Tenth Month Continued

We appoint Thomas J. Batty, Asenath Fellow, Robert P. Gifford, Elizabeth Seton, Thomas J. Jackson our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting at Fall River 11th Mo. 6th

W. S. Meader Clerk

Eleventh Month 1902

Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo. 29th 1902

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended except two for whose absence reasons were given.

The following request for admission to our society was received from Alton P. Jones, Cora L. Jones and minor child Ruby E. Jones and it is referred to the Pastoral Committee for their report next month.

Saylesville 11th Mo 29, 1902

To Providence Mo Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends We the undersigned feel that we are the Lord's saved children and as we love the friends society ask for admission into the same

Alton P. Jones
Cora L. Jones
Ruby E. Jones

Walter S. Meader-Clerk

Twelfth Month 1902

Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th Mo. 27th 1902

Alton P. Jones Admitted

The Pastoral Committee report that they are in favor of granting the request of Alton P. Jones Cora L. Jones & minor child Ruby E. Jones for membership. Their report is accepted by this meeting & they are hereby admitted to membership in our religious Society.

We appoint Willis H. White Abby E. Tabor and James A. Seton a committee

Twelfth Month 1902 Cont

to unite with a committee of the Local Meeting of Ministry and Oversig in the appointment of Elders for the term of three years.

Walter S. Meader Clerk

First Month 1903

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo. 31st 1903.

We appoint Robert B Hanson Charles Sisson Elizabeth Seton Mary S Glasse Emily S. White and Robert P. Gifford a committee to make arrangements for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting and repor the expense to our next meeting

The queries have been read and considered in this meeting

We appoint S Caroline Tobey Robert B Hanson Abby F Corey, Valentin E. Meader Robert P. Gifford, and Susan Peckham as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting.

Walter S. Meader Clerk

Second Month 1903

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd Mo 28th 1903

The Representatives to the Quarterl Meeting report that they attended excep one for whom absence an excuse was given.

The committee to make arrangements for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting report that the expense was $47.83 The report is satisfactory & the Treasurer is authorize to pay the bills

Walter S. Meader Clerk

FRIENDS SCHOOL.

ARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
ALTER S MEADER.

To Providence Monthly
Meeting of Friends

No. Members reported last year - - 235

Rec'd by Certificate - - 0

Admitted by Request-
William Renfrew
Mary Renfrew
William Renfrew son
Alton P. Jones
Cora L. Jones
Ruby E. Jones
6

Births- William Beal Jacob
George W. Briggs
2
8 - - - - 8
243

Removals- Arthur B. Farr 1

Released- Thomas Walker
Jane Walker
Mary G. Evans
Frederick C. Eaton
Barker Newhall
5

Deaths-
Elizabeth C. Caprow 10th mo. 1902
Wm A Aldrich 9th mo 1902
Eliza Brownell 2nd mo. 1903.
Charles B. Inman 2nd mo. 1903
Ruth Sanford 2nd mo. 1903
6
11
11
232

Present Number of Members - - 231

No. of children between 4 and 12, - - - 19
" " " " 12 and 21 - - 28
" " " attending School - - - 30
" " " " Schools controlled by Friends 3
" " " between 12 + 21 attending schools con. by Friends 2
2
" " " attending college " " " 1
" " " " "

For the Committee
Lucy H. Meader.

Third Month 1903

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd mo. 28th 1903

The committee appointed in 12th mo to unite with a committee from the Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in proposing persons suitable for Elders of our Monthly Meeting present the following names For three years Augustine Jones, Asenath Lettow Elizabeth A Gifford and Charles Sisson Also for one year to fill the vacancy caused by death of Elizabeth C. Capron, Walter S. Meader, These names are satisfactory to us & we forward the same to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for their consideration.

We appoint Walter S. Meader M. Augusta Battey and Lucy H. Meader a committee to prepare a summary of Statistics for the Quarterly Meeting and report next month.

Walter S. Meader — clerk

Fourth Month 1903

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo. 25th 1903

The clerk of the Monthly Meeting and the Chairman of the Pastoral Committee are authorized to prepare a statement of the Condition of Society and forward it to the Quarterly Meeting.

This Monthly Meeting requests the Pastoral Committee to prepare, in future, and present to the Monthly Meeting in 4th Mo. a report on the State of Society to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting as the Discipline requires.

The committee on Statistics present the following report for the year ending 3rd Mo. 1st 1903. The report is satisfactory & the clerk is requested to forward a summary of it to the Quarterly Meeting (See marginal enclosure)

Fourth Month 1903 Continued

To the Monthly Meeting -

Providence Local Meeting on Ministry & Oversight would report that our meetings for Public worship have been seasons of Divine blessing and the membership in attendance give evidence of Spiritual conditions which are encouraging.

We would acknowledge the Mercies & visitations of love from our Heavenly Father which have made our meetings important & indispensable for the best interests of our membership

We have not as yet any definite method in practice by which to obtain complete information but as far we know our members observe family devotions.

We are thankful for earnest Christian effort which the officers and teachers of our Bible Schools maintain and the cheerful response of the children to the instruction they are favored with.

The Providence Bible School exercises have been of added interest recently because of the papers read the recitations from the journal of Stephen Grellet whose missionary labors so much correspond to those of the Apostle Paul as presented in the current international lessons.

Robert P. Gifford - Clerk

We appoint Abby M. Tabor Asenath Zellow Abby F. Corey, Charles Sisson, Robert B. Hanson and Augustine Jones as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting.

W. S. Meader - Clerk

The Chairman of the Pastoral Committee and the Clerk of the Mo. Meeting prepared & forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting the following report on the State of Society.

The Spiritual condition of our membership is encouraging. An awakening of life and of earnestness has been manifested in some of our meetings.

and many individuals, more quietly but not less earnestly we believe are seeking the aid and blessing of the indwelling Spirit of Christ.

The regular meetings for worship & discipline have all been held during the past year with about the usual attendance. This attendance, in proportion to our membership is smaller than we could wish particularly at the Midweek and business meetings. But we believe, to those who faithfully attend, they have been a means of blessing & of strength. A number of First day evening Meetings were held during the early Winter, at which papers on the important points of Friends belief were read & discussed. It was gratifying to see present at these meetings, as also at the Sabbath Morning meetings, many who are not members of our society.

Our Sabbath schools are in good condition. The numbers present & the interest manifested give us much cause for thankfulness.

We believe many Friends seek by family devotions to develop Christian Character in themselves & their Children.

The Womens Foreign Missionary Society has been active & zealous in its good works for the Indians & for the Ramallah Mission

A good degree of harmony exists among us

No cases for discipline have arisen

We believe Friends are careful in their dealings with the world to manifest a Christian Spirit of honesty & Moderation

While we would thank our heavenly Father for the good degree of Spiritual health he has granted us, we would earnestly seek for more of his Spirit, More of his power & of influence for good in our community.

For the Committee, Walter S. Meader

Fifth Month 1903

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 5th Mo. 30th 1903

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

Norman Joseph Flynn Removed Hither

We have received from Dublin Monthly Meeting a removal certificate on behalf of Norman Joseph Flynn. This Meeting accepts the certificate and receives him into Membership the clerk is directed to inform him and Dublin Mo. Meeting of our action

We adjourn to meet next at Saylesville at the usual time

Sixth Month, 1903.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville, 6 mo 27, 1903.

In the absence of the clerk Thomas J. Battey was appointed to serve for the day.

The clerk reported that a communication had been received from the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight stating that that meeting approved our appointment of elders as shown in this meetings records for 3 mo 1903.

Our beloved friend Thomas J. Ingram, a minister of the gospel duly accredited from China Monthly Meeting, Maine attended this meeting. His company and gospel services have been acceptable to us.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk for the day.

Seventh Month

At Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 7th mo 25th 1903.

The Clerk being absent Robt. P. Gifford was appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries have all been read and we have appointed Deborah W. Gifford, Hannah P. Ladd E. Herbert Briggs and Robt. P. Gifford to attend our next Quarterly Meeting in Newport 8 mo 6th

We are informed by the Clerk of the

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
49 WESTMINSTER ST.
P. O. BOX 453.

Newport ~~Providence~~, R. I., 8th mo. 6th 1903

To Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held this date it was decided that our Monthly Meetings forward to the Treasurer Robt P. Gifford the same pro rata amount as last year.

* Your Quota of 31 % calls for 173$^{\underline{60}}$ one half payable 11th mo 1st 1903
And the balance " 5th " 1st 1904

Attention was called by the Clerk of our Yearly Meeting to the items of print on the inside of Cover of the Yearly Mtg Minutes.

By direction of the Mtg
Robt P. Gifford
Clerk for the Mtg

Seventh Mo. Continued

Gertrude & Catherine Buffum & Rebecca Montgomery dropped

Pastoral Committee that Gertrude Buffum and Catherine Gough Buffum and Rebecca Montgomery have united in membership with other religious Societies. In accordance with discipline their names are therefore dropped from our list with our prayerful desire that they may be blessed in the fellowship they have chosen.

The Vice Presidents report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of our Quarterly Meeting was read, also the report of the Recording Secretary of the Providence Auxiliary. These show an increased membership and added finances with the larger blessing of prayerful service and devotion to the Missionary Cause.

Robt P. Gifford
Clerk for the day

Eighth Month. 1903

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 8 mo 29, 1903.

In the absence of the clerk Thomas J. Battey was appointed for the day.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended except one for whose absence a reason was given.

We have received the following communication from the clerk of our Quarterly meeting which [illegible] referred to the finance comittee. (see margin)

Thomas B. Mitchell and Annie M. Spaulding through the pastoral committee have at this time expressed their intentions of marriage

We appoint Thomas J. Battey, Louisa A. Meader, Valentine E. Meader and [illegible] J. Corey to make the necessary inquiries in the case and report to our next Mo. meeting

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk for the day.

Ninth Month 1903

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 9th Mo 26th 1903

We appoint Emily S. White Asenath Zellow Charles Dixon and Thomas C. Jackson a committee to nominate officers of society for the ensuing year and report at our next meeting.

The committee appointed last month to make the necessary inquiries in regard to the intention to marry expressed by Thomas B. Mitchell and Annie M. Spaulding report clearness therein. This meeting therefore leaves them at liberty to proceed and appoints Walter S. Meader, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Louisa N. Meader and Thomas C. Jackson a committee to have the care of the marriage present the certificate for record and report to our next meeting

Charles Jackson Allen and Henrietta Griswold Benson having declared their intention of marriage with each other we appoint Hannah P. Sadd Elizabeth Gifford Willis H. White & Robert P. Gifford, a committee to make the usual inquiries as to clearness & report to our next meeting

The Queries have been read & considered in this Meeting

Thomas B. Mitchell and Annie M. Spaulding have at this time taken each other in marriage In the manner ~~according to the~~ customary among Friends.

Our business being completed we adjourn purposing with divine permission to meet next in Providence at the usual day and hour

Tenth Month 1903

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 10th Mo. 31st 1903

The committee appointed last month in regard to the intention to marry expressed by Charles Jackson Allen and Henrietta Griswold Benson report clearness therein and this meeting leaves them at liberty to proceed. We appoint Walter S. Meader Lucy H. Meader Robert P. Gifford and Elizabeth R. Gifford a committee, to have the care of the marriage present the certificate for record and report to our next meeting.

The committee to have the care of the marriage of Thomas B Mitchel and Annie M Spaulding report that they were present at the marriage & that it was accomplished in the manner used among Friends and that the certificate has been recorded

We have received a request from Elizabeth R. Harkness to be received back to membership in the Society of Friends The Pastoral Committee Recommends that we grant the request. This is acceptable to this meeting and she is hereby made a member of our Society. We appoint Susan Peckham to inform her of our action & to Welcome her on behalf of the Monthly Meeting

The Treasurer presented his report which is reserved till next month for the endorsement of the Auditors.

The Trustees of the Saylesville Burial Ground fund report that the ground has been cared for without aid from the fund which now amounts to something over $600.00 and is on deposit in the Participation Account of the Manufacturers Trust Co. of Providence

We appoint M. Augusta Battey Louisa N Meader S. Caroline Tobey Lucy H Meader Willis H White and Robert B Hanson as our Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting at Fall River.

Tenth Month 1903 Con.

The committee to nominate officers of Society for ensueing year present the following report which is accepted and the Friends named are hereby appointed to their respective offices for one year or until another appointment

Officers of Society 1903 & 1904

For Relief Committee

Robert P. Gifford Louisa N. Meader
Mary J Glass Abby M. Tabor
Abby A Corey

Clerks - Walter S. Meader, Elizabeth A. Gifford
Treasurer - Robert B Gifford

Finance Committee

Susan Peckham Robert Mc Farlane
Louisa N Meader S. Caroline Tobey
George W. Congdon Abby A. Corey

Recorder Correspondent
Lucy H. Meader Thomas J. Battey

Auditing Committee

Charles Sisson James H. Chace

Caretakers of Meeting Houses Burial Grounds and Oversight of Funerals

Robert B Hanson Charles Sisson
Alfred H. Tabor Elizabeth Seton
Emily S. White

For Saylesville and Cumberland
Valentine E. Meader, Henry Metcalf

Trustees of Saylesville Burial Ground Fund

Valentine E. Meader Thomas J. Battey Walter S. Meader

Additional Members of the Pastoral Committee

S. Caroline Tobey Willet H. White
James Barton Elizabeth Seton

Eleventh Month 1903

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo. 28th 1903

The representatives to Quarterly Meeting at Fall River report that they all attended

At the request of the parties interested a meeting for the solemnization of the Marriage of Charles Jackson Allen and Henrietta Griswold Benson is hereby appointed in this house on 6th day, 12th Mo. 11th, 1903 at 2-30 P.M.

Walter S. Meader — Clerk

Twelfth Month 1903

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th Mo 26 1903

The committee appointed in 10th Mo to have the care of the Marriage of Charles Jackson Allen and Henrietta Griswold Benson report that they were present at the appointed meeting and that the marriage was accomplished according to the good order used among Friends, that the license was returned to the City Recorder & the certificate has been recorded

For the Committee Walter S Meader

First Month 1904

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo. 30th 1904

We appoint Elizabeth Seton, Mary S. Plass, Willis H White and James Q. Seton a committee to make arrangements for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting and report the expense to our next meeting.

The Queries have been read and considered at this meeting and we appoint Augustine Jones M. Augusta Battey Lucy H. Meader Louisa N. Meader S. Caroline Tobey, Charles Sisson Robert B Hanson and Valentine E. Meader as our representatives to the Quarterly

First Month 1904 Continued

Meeting, We appoint Ellen K Buffum Hannah O. Ladd and Valentine E Meader a committee to unite with a committee from the local meetings on Ministry and Oversight in presenting names of Friends for the Station of Elder

Walter S. Meader Clerk

Second Month 1904

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd Mo. 27th 1904

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except two.

The committee to make arrangements for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting report that the expense including dishes bought was $58.68 the report is satisfactory and the treasurer is authorized to pay the bills.

Intention of Marriage Chas. P. Roundy & Phoebe R. Gifford

Charles Pickett Roundy (who is not a Friend and Phoebe Rushmore Gifford a member of this meeting inform us that they intend Marriage with each other

As no obstruction appears we leave them at liberty to accomplish their marriage according to discipline.

George Wilkie & family Request

We have received through the Pastoral Committee a request for membership from George and Elizabeth Wilkie for themselves and three minor children whose names are Isabella Pinkerton Wilkie, Robert Wilkie and Mary Liddie Wilkie aged 16, 12 and 10 yrs respectively & we appoint Willis H. White Emily S White and Valentine E. Meader a committee to confer with them & report next month.

Resignation of R.P. Gifford

We have received from Robert P. Gifford his resignation of membership in the Society of Friends. His resignation is accepted & the clerk is directed to inform him of our action

Second Month 1904 Continued

Treasurer Appointed

The office of Treasurer of the Mo. Meeting being vacant we appoint Alfred H. Taber as Treasurer for the remainder of the year

Third Month 1904

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd Mo 26th 1904

The committee appointed in 1st Mo to unite with a committee from the local meeting on ministry and oversight in presenting names of friends for the station of Elder for 3 years, propose the following names: Susan Peckham M. Augusta Battey Valentine E. Meader and Walter S. Meader. They are satisfactory to us & we forward them to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & oversight for their approval.

Geo. Wilkie and family admitted

The committee appointed to confer with Geo. and Elizabeth Wilkie in regard to their request for membership report in favor of granting their request, This is satisfactory to us & they are hereby admitted as members of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends and their children Isabella Pinkerton, Robert, and Mary Liddie Wilkie as associate members. The clerk is requested to inform them of our action.

Walter S. Meader Clerk

Fourth Month 1904

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo. 30th 1904

We appoint Charles Sisson, Susan Peckham, Asenath Tetlow and Willis H. White a committee to have the care of the marriage of Charles Pickett Roundy and Phoebe Rushmore Gifford and this committee is authorized to appoint a meeting for that purpose at such time and place as the interested parties may desire.

As no committee on Statistics was appointed last Mo. Thomas J. Battey and Lucy H. Meader have prepared & presented the following statistics for the year ending 3rd Mo 1st 1904 This is satisfactory and the Clerk is directed to forward them to the Quarterly Meeting

The Pastoral Committee presents the following report on the State of Society It is approved and we forward it to the Quarterly Meeting to which we appoint Augustine Jones, Charles Sisson, Louisa M. Meader, Mary S. Glass Elsie Chace Wm L. Bates and John Paton as our representatives

Report on State of Society —

State of Society

The Meetings in Providence for the last year have been well attended by its members and by an increasing number of those not in membership with us.

We rejoice in the belief that there are evidences of life amongst us, a growing regard for the truths of the Bible and a more earnest desire to walk day by day as in the fear of the Lord.

Our Bible school continues full of interest; the lessons are faithfully studied & we believe that the word thus taught will not return void unto the Master but bring forth fruit to his praise

We are still holding meetings on first day evenings for the study of Bible lands and the history connected with them in such a way as to fix our attention on Him whose Wisdom guided His chosen people in their wanderings and established them as a nation; and our hearts have been drawn towards Him who still guides His people and appoints their field of service

At Saylesville the Firstday morning meeting and Bible School are maintained with good attendance. While much earnestness is manifested in these meetings, some Friends feel a lack of periods

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Statistics for Providence & Saylesville Particular Meetings for 1903-4

MEMBERSHIP.

		Prov.	Saylesville
1.	Number of Members last year,	139	92
2.	Additions by Birth,	0	1
3.	" " Request,	1	0
4.	" " Letter,	0	0
5.	" " Certificate,	1	0
6.	Total Additions,	2	1
7.	Loss by Death,	4	0
8.	" " Disownment,	0	0
9.	" " Resignation,	1	1
10.	" " Discontinuance of names,	2	0
11.	" " Letter,	0	0
12.	" " Certificate,	0	0
	Loss by mistake last year	2	0
13.	Total Loss,	9	1
14.	Number of Members this year,	132	92
15.	Net gain,		
16.	Net Loss,	7	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

17.	Number of Households,	95	34
18.	" " Males,	66	48
19.	" " Females,	66	44
20.	" Under 21 years,	17	26
21.	" of Adult Members,	115	66
22.	" " Associate Members,	1	5
23.	" " Associates who have become Active,	0	0
24.	" " Resident Members,	105	91
25.	" " Non-Resident Members,	27	1
26.	" " Recorded Ministers, 2 resident, 2 non-resident, 0	2	1
27.	" " Members in College,	1	0
28.	" " Members Teaching,	9	0
29.	Are Particular and Monthly Meeting Records each correct to date?	We think so	
30.	Has each Resident Household been furnished with Minutes?	So far as we know	

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5. See that the sum of Nos. 22 and 23 is the same as No. 21.
6. Prove that your figures are all correct.
7. Keep your records corrected up to date, and these may be obtained from them easily. Good records make easy reports.
8. Keep on hands a copy of this report for future reference.

Fourth Month 1904 Continued

of silent waiting for the more immediate guidance of the Spirit in Service.

None of our regularly established meetings have been omitted during the year and the prevalence of Christian love and Friendly feeling among us has been very generally maintained. No canvass has been made to ascertain the extent to which family devotions are observed but many families are faithful in that respect.

Our monthly missionary meetings have been regularly held. They have been well attended and the interest fully maintained. Our social life has also been fostered this winter by 'tea-meetings' which have been held on Seventh-day evenings at the close of the Monthly Meetings. After tea interesting papers have been read & discussed.

Walter S. Meader - Clerk

Fifth Month 1904

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th M. 28th 1904

Elders appointed

The recommendation of this meeting that Susan Peckham, M Augusta Battey Valentine E. Meader and Walter S. Meader be appointed to the station of elder for three years has been approved by the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended

We adjourn to meet next at Saylesville at the usual time.

Walter S. Meader, Clerk

Sixth Month 1904

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 6 Mo. 25th 1904.

The clerk being absent, Louisa N. Meader was appointed clerk for the day.

We received and directed to be forwarded to the clerk of Smithfield Mo. Meeting a removal certificate on behalf of Gilbert D. Steere.

Adjourned to meet at Saylesville at the usual time in 7 Mo. next

Louisa N. Meader
Clerk for the day.

Seventh Month. 1904.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville, 7 mo 30th 1904.

The clerk being absent Susan Peckham was appointed to serve for the day.

A removal certificate was received from the monthly meeting of Friends at Lawrence Mass. in behalf of James Southwell and [illegible] Southwell, his wife, and in behalf of their minor children Evelyn, Joseph and Henry. We accept the same and welcome them as members with us.

Albert A. Bailey a minister was acceptably in attendance presenting a certificate of unity with his present concern from Fruitland Monthly Meeting, endorsed by [illegible] Quarterly Meeting Kansas.

We desire that he may be richly blessed in the performance of the service.

An application for membership was received through the Pastoral Committee from Alice Hall formerly of Belfast, Ireland at present in training as a nurse at the R. I. Hospital. This meeting unites in receiving and welcoming her into membership with us.

The committee appointed to have the care of the marriage of [illegible] [illegible] and Charles [illegible] [illegible] report that they attended the marriage which took place on the first day of 6th mo last that it was conducted

To Providence Monthly
Meeting of Friends—
At R. I. Quarterly Meeting
held at Newport. 8.4.1904
It was concluded to raise
for the use of the Quarterly
Meeting the ensuing year
the sum of $~~588.00~~ 650.00 ~~that~~
~~being our quota of the~~
~~Yearly Meeting appropriation~~;

The quota of your
Monthly Meeting at ~~28%~~ 31%
is ~~$164.64~~ 201.50; and you are
hereby requested to forward
this amount to Charles

a. Chace. Quarterly Meeting
Treasurer:
One-half on or before
11 Mo. 1st. 1904, and
the balance on or before
5 Mo. 1st. 1905.
The attention of Monthly
Meetings is directed to
No. 68 of the printed
Minutes of the Yearly
Meeting for 1904, in reference to making correct
statistical reports. The
attention of Monthly
Meeting Finance Committees is called to Minute
40. and also to Minute 56
in reference to custodians

of Trust funds furnishing suitable securities.

On behalf of the
Quarterly Meeting
Susan Peckham
Clerk for the day.

Seventh Month 1964

in good order to the satisfaction of the Committee, and that the necessary official papers have been made out and ~~officially~~ duly recorded.

We appoint as our representatives to attend the approaching Quarterly Meeting at Newport Sarah J. Swanson, Esther Paton, Susan Peckham, Thomas J. Jackson, Charles Sisson, Elizabeth H. Gifford.

The meeting then adjourned.

Susan Peckham,
Clerk for the day.

Eighth Month 1964.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Saylesville 8 mo 27, 1964.

The clerk being absent, Thomas J. Battey was appointed for the day.

We have accepted at this time a certificate of removal from Marsden Monthly Meeting, England, in favor of John Thomas Adams, whom we welcome as a member now with us. The clerk is directed to acknowledge the reception of this certificate to the Monthly Meeting sending it {Wm Taylor; Green St. Middleton Leek near Manchester, Eng.

We have received the accompanying communication (see margin) from our Quarterly Meeting Clerk with reference to stock, and other matters, to which the attention of the Finance Committee is called.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk for the day.

Ninth Month 1904.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at [illegible] 9 mo. 24. 1904

The Clerk being absent Thomas J. Battey was appointed for the day.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended except one.

Norman Joseph Hiner having a prospect of soon removing to reside within the limits of Minneapolis Monthly Meeting of Friends Minnesota having requested to have his membership transferred thither, the Clerk is directed to furnish him with the proper credentials and report to our next meeting.

The hour of holding their First-day morning meeting having been brought before us by Providence Friends we conclude at their request to change it from 11 A.M. to 10-45 A.M. the change to commence on 10 mo. 2. 1904.

We appoint Ellen K. Furman, Amanda [illegible] Lewis C. [illegible], [illegible] E. Meader, and Louisa [illegible] to bring forward at our next meeting the names of officers of society for the ensuing year.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Thomas J. Battey
Clerk for the day.

Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Officers of Society for year 1904-5.

Overseers for three years.

Thomas J. Battey
James G. Seton
Hannah P. Ladd
Sarah J. Hanson

Abby F. Corey.

Anna A. Meader
Valentine E. Meader
Louisa N. Meader
Thomas Y. Jackson

For Relief Committee:

John T. Adams
Mary S. Glasse

Abby F. Corey

Louisa N. Meader
Abbie M. Taber

Clerks

Charles R. Jacob
Elizabeth A. Gifford

Treasurer

Alfred H. Taber

Finance Committee:

Susan Peckham
Louisa N. Meader
George W. Congdon

Alfred H. Taber

Robert McFarlane
S. Caroline Tobey
Abby F. Corey

Recorder

Phoebe G. Roundy

Correspondent

Thomas J. Battey

Auditing Committee:

Charles Sisson

James H. Chace

Caretakers of Meeting Houses, Burial Grounds and Oversight of Funerals.

For Providence & Scituate:

Robert B. Hanson
William H. Butler

Emily S. White

Charles Sisson
Elizabeth Seton

For Saylesville and Cumberland:

Valentine E. Meader

Henry Metcalf

Trustees of Saylesville Burial Ground Fund:

Valentine E. Meader

Thomas J. Battey

Additional Members of Pastoral Committee:

S. Caroline Tobey
James Barton

Willis H. White
Elizabeth Seton

Statistics for Providence Monthly Meeting for Year ending 3-1-1904 to be copied into Mo. Mtg. Records.

No. of Members Last Year.	224
Additions by Birth.	1
" " Request.	11
" " Letter	0
" " Certificate.	16.
Total Additions.	28.
Loss by Death.	2.
" " Disownment.	0
" " Resignation.	2
" " Letter.	0
" " Discontinuance of Names	0
" " Certificate.	2.
Total Loss.	6
No of Members this year.	246.
Net Gain.	22.
Net Loss.	0

No. of House Holds.	135
" " Males	124
" " Females	122.
" under 21 years.	52.
" Adult Members.	194
" Resident Members.	
" Non Resident Members.	
" Recorded Ministers Resident	4.
" Members in College.	2.
" Members Teaching—	4.

(over).

Children under 21 years age.
in 1905.

Adams	2.
Bailey	2
Benson	1
Barton	2.
Briggs	
Butler	3
Cobain	5
Eaton	1
Felix	3
Frymore	-
Jacobs	2
Jones	1
[illegible]	4
McFarland	6.
Paton	3
Sutherland	3.
Taber	3
Whites	2
Wilkin	

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4. [illegible]

[illegible]

Children Census

Year Ending 3/1 1905

Statistics for Providence ~~Particular~~ Monthly Meeting for 19

MEMBERSHIP.

1.	Number of Members last year,	224.
2.	Additions by Birth,	1
3.	" " Request,	11
4.	" " Letter,	0
5.	" " Certificate.	16
6.	Total Additions.	28
7.	Loss by Death,	2
8.	" " Disownment.	0
9.	" " Resignation.	2
10.	" " Discontinuance of names.	0
11.	" " Letter.	0
12.	" " Certificate,	2
13.	Total Loss.	6
14.	Number of Members this year.	246
15.	Net gain.	22
16.	Net Loss.	0

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20.	" Under 21 years,	52
21.	" of Adult Members,	194
22.	" " Associate Members.	
23.	" " Associates who have become Active.	0
24.	" " Resident Members,	221
25.	" " Non-Resident Members.	25
26.	" " Recorded Ministers, 4 resident, non-resident,	4
27.	" " Members in College,	2
28.	" " Members Teaching,	4
29.	Are Particular and Monthly Meeting Records each correct to date?	As far as we know.
30.	Has each Resident Household been furnished with Minutes?	

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Tenth Month, 1904.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Providence 10 mo. 29th 1904

The Clerk being absent, Thomas J. Battey was appointed for the day.

In accordance with the action of the meeting last month the clerk reported a removal certificate in favor of Norman Joseph Flynn, but failing to learn his address he had not sent it.
The matter was left in his hands another month.

We have received at this time a removal certificate from the Friends of Lawrence Mass. in favor of William H. Butler, his wife Eliza Ann Butler and their children, Lillie and Walter, the same being subject to the approval of Lawrence Monthly Meeting to be held soon.
We accept the certificate on this condition and gladly welcome the coming of our friends among us.
Valentine E. Meader, on behalf of the Trustees of the Saylesville Burial Ground Fund, reported that no additions had been made to the Fund during the past year except the interest, and that the ground had been carefully cared for.

The treasurer having no report to make at this time on the ground that the late Treasurers report had not been audited, we appoint Charles Sisson, James H. Chace, and Willis H. White a committee with full power to audit and settle the said account, and report to our next meeting.

The nominating committee reported the following list of officers for the Monthly Meeting which with the addition of Alfred H. Taber to the Finance Committee is acceptable to us and the Friends therein named are appointed to their respective offices for one year or until another appointment.

(The list is inserted in the margin.)

Tenth Month, 1904.

The subject of having a printed list of the names and addresses of our members having been brought before us, by the clerk of the Pastoral Committee we authorize our Finance Committee and Recorder to take the matter in charge and consider it a part of their official duty henceforward to see that such a list is kept and suitably used from time to time.

They are authorized to draw on our Treasurer for the expense in-curred.

The clerk is authorized to provide a new record book for the Monthly Meeting and draw on the Treasurer for its cost.

The matter of making the gallery in the Providence Meeting House available for a Book Room, Committee Rooms &c. having come before us we refer the consideration of it to the Caretakers of Meeting Houses for Providence and Scituate, and add the name of James H. Chace to the list. They are requested to report at a future meeting.

We appoint Emily S. White, Mary S. Glasse Charles Sisson, James H. Chace, William L. Bates, Louisa N. Meader, and Geo. Wilkie representatives to the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Fall River.

The meeting then adjourned.

Thomas J. Battey,
Clerk for the day.